

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2024/25

“The more you put in , the more you get out!”



APRIL GREETER: ROGER IBBOTT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at our March meeting and all positions were filled unopposed, except Junior Vice President which remained vacant.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT – ROB BRAND



President's Closing Address (Summary)

President Rob began by thanking members for the opportunity and privilege of being President of Hobart Men's Probust.

He reminded members that his theme for the year was “Growing our Friendship, Fellowship and Fun” with an objective of returning the club to 100 members. He welcomed the six new members who had been inducted during the year, but sadly, three members had passed and another three had resigned.

“So here we are with our memb-ometer pretty much the same as it was at the beginning of the year. Not a very good indicator of my success”, said Rob.

He went on to say that this was a demonstration of the importance of renewal and that he had taken on the role of Membership Officer this year in order to maintain focus on this important issue.

Rob then said that a successful club is a busy and active club run by an effective management committee and supported by a range of activity leaders, all of whom make a major contribution to the success of the club. This was followed by individual thanks, both personally and on behalf of the members, for the tremendous service and support provided by the committee members and the activity leaders. He gave particular thanks to our Secretary, Phil Mathers, who he said had been the backbone of the Club during his presidency.

Rob closed his address by saying that he couldn't think of a more capable person than incoming president Graham Sargison to hand over the chains of office, and how he looked forward to working with “Sarge” as a member of his committee during 2024.

INCOMING PRESIDENT – SARGE IN CHARGE



That fits well! Can I wear it on my tramp through Italy?



You ain't seen nothin' yet

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GRAHAM SARGISON



We are indeed fortunate to have such a dynamic club but, it didn't happen by chance and won't continue, if we don't work at it.

To maintain or increase our numbers, ongoing recruitment is vital. This is up to all of us not just the committee.

Likewise, the range of activities in this club is the envy of most other clubs but they need your support. So, whether it be the management committee, aqua-aerobics, lunching or walking - get in there and participate because, remember: "the more you put in, the more you get out!"

Graham Sargison
President

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 2024/25

Management Committee

President
Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary and Public Officer
Bulletin and Publicity
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Membership

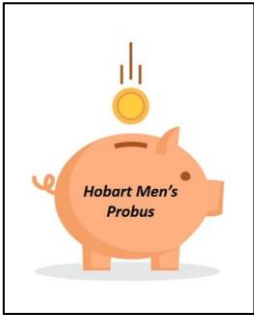
Graham Sargison
John Thomson
Vacant
Brian Butler
Neil Blaikie
Nick Mason
Peter Tierney
Rob Brand
Rob Brand

Appointed Nominees

Welfare Officer Hamish Kyle
Travel Coordinator Michael Walpole
Auditor Michael Walpole
Webmaster Michael Woolley

At the time of publishing, an expression of interest has been received for the position of Second Vice President. Members will be notified of further developments once the Committee has considered the application. -NB

TREASURER'S REPORT - Annual Fees Due \$100



At our March meeting the Club agreed to set **subscriptions for 2024/25 at \$100.00**. Please pay your subs as soon as possible, preferably by direct electronic deposit into the Club's bank account the details of which are:

ANZ Bank
Hobart Probus Club (Mens) Inc.
BSB 017-324
Acc no. 4172-49848

Please ensure that you state your name and that the payment is for subs.

The latter requirement saves confusion if in near future we ask for other payments of \$100.00 e.g. for a deposit for a tour or a lunch (for two). If you need to pay by cash at an ANZ branch please use the ATM because if you make the payment by the teller it will cost the Club \$2.50 per transaction. Payment by cheque also incurs the same fee. If you prefer to pay by cash you can pay the Treasurer at a meeting and he will pay the funds in via a ATM.

Peter Tierney, Treasurer

Outgoing Welfare officer - Brian Butler



There are a number of members with health issues themselves, or who have a partner who has impacted their ability to participate in their normal activities. This is part and parcel of life for us all at some times in our lives. I don't list them and don't believe I know the full list as much of this is private to the family.

I hope these members find solace and comfort in the knowledge they are missed by this group and our best wishes go to them.

Thank you for the opportunity to be Welfare Officer. It has enabled me to better know and appreciate the wide experiences and talents of the membership beyond my personal friendships. Brian Butler

RECORDING APOLOGIES

Rob Brand has taken over as Membership Officer.

Apologies should now be sent to Rob at rmbrand@bigpond.com or 0418 122 671.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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There are still some members who have not passed their emergency contacts to Rob Brand. If you don't want him chasing you up next meeting, please send him the following by email at rmbrand@bigpond.com.

MEMBER NAME

PRIMARY CONTACT *(required)*

Name:

Phone (Mobile preferred)

Relationship:

SECONDARY CONTACT

(optional)

Name:

Phone (Mobile preferred)

Relationship:

March Outing - Wooden Boat Centre



Many hairy 'Old Salts', with a few 'Old Peppers', and their partners docked at the Franklin Wooden Boat Centre to admire the boats and tell tall tales of their sailing prowess.

With the scent of Huon Pine wafting in the air, our guides led us through the wooden boat building process.

We were all blown away by the exquisite workmanship and the use of Tasmania's wonderful timbers. Our guide attempted to trick us by asking what timbers were being used. Little did he know that we had our seasoned timber expert Sarge with

us who could answer every question posed (correctly, that is)!

After an hour or so we weighed anchor and sailed across the road for a long lunch at Frank's Cider House and Café.

Thanks go to Phil Mathers for organising a great day out. NB

Kangaroo Island Visit From our intrepid travel reporter **Ingrid Walpole**



The recent Kangaroo Island and Adelaide tour 2024 was outstanding. The choice of venues, smooth running and an amazing tour guide/coach driver were of the highest quality making our trip so enjoyable. There was something of interest for all 27 travellers.

The first two days on the island we visited Emu Ridge Distillery, Honey Farm, Lavender Farm, Fur seals and Birds of Prey display.

The last two days were more sight seeing attractions, such as lighthouses, seascapes and the beautiful village of Hahndorf. We went to Hans Heysen's home called The Cedars where we had a guided tour of his studio and home. The scones jam and cream Murray River cruise was popular, together with Beerenberg strawberry farm.

While we were there South Australia was having a heatwave with temperatures of 30-40 enticing a few to don their bathers and head to the nearest swimming pool.

On our last night on Kangaroo Island, Jill and Mike gave a rendition of our trip sung to the tune of Galway Bay, most entertaining.

It was sad to say goodbye to Gavin our coach driver, his knowledge and skill as a driver, a great guy, always happy to help, articulate and had a professional approach to his job. We could not have had anyone better.

Many happy memories for 2024. *Ingrid Walpole*

April Presenter

TASMANIA - AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND THE BLUE ECONOMY



Sean Riley has over 35 years' experience in a range of scientific research, environmental and natural resource management roles within government and industry organisations. Sean started his professional career as a Marine Scientist at the Department of Sea Fisheries Marine Research Laboratories (Taroon) before moving into fisheries management roles for both State and Commonwealth managed fisheries (southern Australian and subantarctic waters)

In 2008, Sean was appointed General Manager of Aquenal Pty Ltd – a Hobart based environmental consulting firm specialising in marine natural values and ecological assessments throughout Australia. During this time, Sean was appointed to the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Council.

For the past 7 years, Sean has been Tassal's Head of Environment.

Outside of work, Sean has been Chairman of the Taroon Bowls and Community Club's Board of Management for the past 5 years, and was previously involved with the Apex Club of Taroon in the early-late 2000's (and Tasmanian Apexian of the Year 2009).

Sean is married with 5 daughters (3 in Melbourne and 2 in Hobart).

March Lunch Brunch Outing



Our March munch was at the magnificent Boat Shed restaurant at Cornelian Bay and although our numbers were only four, we had a good chance to swap a few yarns and enjoy the delicious Sea Food Chowder. I hope our numbers will build up for the balance of the year.

(Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

April Outing - Historic Runnymede - Newtown



The April outing will be a visit to the historic National Trust Runnymede House in Newtown. Runnymede represents Tasmania's golden age. This Regency marine villa was built by lawyer Robert Pitcairn and Dorothea Pitcairn c1836-1840 and extended by Tasmania's first Anglican Bishop, Francis Russell Nixon, who resided there between 1850 and 1862. Captain Charles Bayley then acquired the house and named it Runnymede after his favourite whaling ship. The Bayley and Bayly

families resided in the house for over a century.

Enjoy a guided tour of this gracious house with its elegant furnishings, fascinating maritime collections and verdant gardens.

This tour is open to all members, partners and friends.

Date: Tuesday 16 April 2024

Meet: Runnymede House 10:30, 61 Bay Road Newtown. Drive up along lane immediately uphill of the large white gates. Park near the oval.

Duration: The tour is one to one and a half hours.

Cost: \$12 per person. (TBC)

Lead Guide: The Lovely Lyn Blaikie

Lunch will follow at the Maypole Hotel

Please put your name and contact details on the sheet handed out at the April Meeting or email neilblaikie@gmail.com

April Lunch Brunch Outing



For the first time ever, we will visit the Mornington Inn on April 11th. Following my recent visit, I am convinced that the menu is one of the best in Hobart featuring everything from a 300 gram steak to chicken and chips and the prices are most reasonable. The date is Thursday April 11 and the time is from 12.00 o'clock and all are most welcome, just add your name to the list or phone Geoff on 0418 136 618

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 April Meeting, so he can inform the Yacht Club of numbers.

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

Occasional Lunch with Partners



Brian Butler is organising another popular winery lunch outing for members, friends and partners, this time to the **Home Hill Winery on Thursday 2nd May**.

Detailed information will be available at the April meeting. Interested members please ensure you collect information or email

brianbut70@gmail.com

Eternal Hope



As you slide down the banister of life may the splinters be pointing away from you!!

Shutter Bug Sree



It has come to our notice that Sree is a keen photographer with a very special high-end camera. You will see Sree moving around meetings and outings taking formal and candid shots to remember moments and the fun of the day.

Remember to smile if you see Sree's lens pointing your way.

You can see his latest picture portfolio with the following link to Google Photos.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xnsFABURUqsCYWfj7>

North East Tassie Tour



MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Following the outstanding success of recent tours, Mike Walpole is organising another fabulous local tour, this time to NE Tasmania.

There are already 22 expressions of interest but there is still room for more starters. If you are interested, please include your names on the Expressions of Interest Sheet that will be passed around at the next meeting.

Contact Frank Walker or Mike Walpole for more information.

You will find the full itinerary at the end of this bulletin.

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.

North East Tasmania

Hobart Men's Probus Club



Monday 2nd September – Friday 6th September 2024



Day 1. Monday 2nd September

Departing Hobart your journey begins towards Tasmania's picturesque North-East. Your first stop is in the quaint town of Ross, known for its well-preserved colonial buildings. You will have a short visit to the Ross Female Factory, a UNESCO World Heritage site that offers a poignant glimpse into Tasmania's colonial past.

Continuing your journey north to Beauty Point, you come across Seahorse World, a sanctuary dedicated to these mystical creatures of the sea. View the delicate beauty of seahorses and learn about the importance of marine conservation efforts. You will be having lunch at the onsite restaurant. Set against the backdrop of scenic waterfront views enjoy platters of sandwiches and cakes.

Your next destination beckons – Beaconsfield, a town steeped in mining history. Delve into the depths of the Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre, immersing yourselves in the fascinating tales of miners and the dramatic mine rescue of 2006. Through interactive exhibits and guided tours, gain insights into the trials and triumphs of those who toiled beneath the earth's surface.

The day concludes in George Town, a charming coastal town nestled amidst Tasmania's breathtaking landscapes.

Accommodation: Comfort Inn the Pier George Town

Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner

Day 2. Tuesday 3rd September

Leaving George Town behind, embark on a scenic drive via the charming town of Bridport. Along the way, be captivated by sparkling coastal vistas that define Tasmania's breathtaking North-East region.

Your first destination is Derby, renowned among outdoor enthusiasts for its world-class mountain biking trails. Here, amidst the tranquil surrounds of this historic town, the group discovers the Tin Dragon Interpretation Centre and Café, a treasure trove of local history and heritage. With exhibits showcasing the region's rich Chinese mining heritage, delve into the stories of the past, gaining insights into the lives of early settlers.

Arriving at Little Blue Lake, you will be mesmerised by the serene beauty of this natural wonder. With its crystal-clear waters reflecting the surrounding greenery, it offers a perfect setting for a leisurely stroll along the shoreline, soaking in the tranquillity of the wilderness.

Next on the itinerary is a visit to the Serpenterium Wildlife Park, where you encounter a fascinating array of reptiles and other native wildlife. From slithering snakes to majestic lizards, marvel at the diversity of Australia's unique fauna, learning about their habitats and behaviours from knowledgeable guides. As lunchtime approaches, you have the option to purchase a delicious meal at the onsite café (at own expense). Today's journey ends in the beautiful seaside town of St Helens, your home for the next 2 nights.

Accommodation: Bayside Hotel St Helens

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3. Wednesday 4th September

Today's itinerary promises a delightful blend of leisurely exploration and small-town charm. Begin your day with free time to explore the local shops and soak in the laid-back atmosphere of this seaside town. From artisan boutiques to quaint cafes, there's something to delight every traveller as they browse through the eclectic offerings of St Helens.

Then you will be setting off to Pyengana, nestled amidst lush farmland. Your first stop is Shop in the Bush, a unique emporium offering a curated selection of local products and souvenirs. From handcrafted ceramics to gourmet preserves, there's no shortage of treasures to discover amidst the shelves of this charming store.

Then you explore the renowned offerings of the Pyengana Dairy Farm, where you will have the chance to discover the world of artisan cheese-making.

As lunchtime approaches, you venture just down the road to Pub in the Paddock, a beloved local institution in the heart of Pyengana. Amidst the cozy ambiance of this historic pub meet Pricilla, the famous beer drinking pig, and enjoy a hearty meal. As the day comes to a close you will be returning to St Helens for the night.

Accommodation: Bayside Hotel St Helens

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4. Thursday 5th September

Are you ready for a day of breathtaking natural beauty? The Bay of Fires is a stretch of coastline notorious for its pristine white beaches, crystal-clear waters, and unique, orange-tinged granite boulders. Venturing north from St Helens you travel via Binalong Bay, a panorama of turquoise waters. Continuing your exploration, the group visits The Gardens, another hidden gem along the Bay of Fires. Amidst the coastal vegetation and golden sands, immerse yourself in the serenity of this secluded haven, capturing the essence of the pristine landscapes that define Tasmania's North-East.

Along the way you will enjoy a picnic style lunch at a gorgeous scenic spot.

A highlight of the day awaits as you venture further north to Eddystone Point Lighthouse. A short walk from the carpark leads you to this iconic landmark standing sentinel over the Tasman Sea. The Eddystone Point Lighthouse, with its stark white facade against the azure sky, offers panoramic views of the rugged coastline and expansive ocean.

As you travel back down the coast you make your way to Bicheno. The fun is not over yet, as tonight you will participate in an enchanting Penguin Tour. You embark on a guided tour led by knowledgeable locals who reveal the secrets of the region's nocturnal inhabitants. With hushed voices and careful steps, you make your way to vantage points overlooking the nesting sites of these endearing creatures.

Accommodation: Beachfront Bicheno

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Day 5. Friday 6th September

Today you make your way to Coles Bay to set sail on the Pennicott Wineglass Bay Cruise, an elegant voyage through pristine waters. Settle into the luxurious comfort of the Vista Lounge, where panoramic windows offer uninterrupted views of the surrounding seascape. Throughout the cruise, knowledgeable guides share fascinating insights into the region's natural history, pointing out native wildlife such as dolphins, seals, and seabirds that call these waters home. Marvel at the sheer beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula, with its towering granite peaks and tranquil bays. Indulge in a sumptuous lunch served in the Vista Lounge, featuring locally sourced Tasmanian produce and gourmet delights, savour each bite and raise a glass to the beauty of Tasmania's East Coast. Upon the cruises return it is time to make the return journey to Hobart.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.
The below price is based on a minimum of 20 passengers.*

Tour Price Includes:

- Luxury Coach Travel
- 4 night's accommodation
- Entry/tour of Beaconsfield Mine
- Entry Seahorse World
- Entry Serpenterium Wildlife Park
- Bicheno Penguin Tour
- 4.5 hour Wineglass Bay Cruise
- Meals: Breakfast x4, Lunch x4, Dinner x4

PRICE: Twin Share/Double \$1,900.00 Per Person, Single Supplement \$400.00

DEPOSIT: \$400.00 due at time of booking

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: 8th July 2024

*For information, bookings & travel insurance contact
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Sandy Bay Rotary Club - Trash and Treasure

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THE ROYAL
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SUNDAY 7TH April

11:00am to 3:00pm

Royal Yacht Club

Sandy Bay



The full flyer can be viewed on the Probus website.