

## 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!”



### NEW COMMITTEE 2024/25



The newly elected committee met for the first time before the April General Meeting, with Sarge in Charge.

This outstanding brains trust will steer the club for the next twelve months.

Members, clockwise from front are:

Nick Mason - Assistant Secretary

John Thomson – Vice President

Peter Tierney – Treasurer

Graham Sargison – President

Carl Lawton – Second Vice President

Brian Butler – Secretary

Rob Brand – Past Pres., Assistant Treasurer, Membership.

Neil Blaikie - Bulletin & General Factotum.  
(Taking Photo)

### First General Meeting for the new year



Our first meeting with our newly minted President Sarge in the saddle was held with much fanfare in April.

Sarge has had a long road to the top holding important positions of Speaker manager, Secretary, Vice President and now President. Sarge has cleverly nicked off to Italy after his first meeting in charge.

We look forward to his return and more tall tramping tales.

Past President Rob Brand is back on the ivories after his exalted term as President. It's back to busking for Rob.

Thanks go to Pianissimo Peter Tierney for his magical mystery piano performances over the past year. NB



## NEW MEMBER – ARTHUR ORCHARD



Members welcomed new member Arthur Orchard to the club at the April meeting.

Arthur outlined his extensive and outstanding career in the finance industry.

We trust Arthur will enjoy club activities and know he will be a strong contributor in the years ahead.

The attached picture depicts President Graham welcoming Arthur with his sponsor Wayne Wallace.

## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT POSITION FILLED



Members will be aware the club has been seeking a member with leadership skills to take on the position of Second Vice President. We are pleased to announce that club stalwart Carl Lawton has stepped up to take the position. Carl is well known to our members, holding several substantial positions, including President, in the past.

Carl has presented the following story of his impressive journey in the Hobart Men's Probus Club:

*I was recruited into Probus and started off as Assistant Secretary in my very first year here. Then after my year as Assistant Secretary I served three years as Secretary, then one year as Vice President. I was then President in 2017, followed by Past President in 2018. I then managed the entertainment committee and organised speakers for the following few years. I have had a couple of years off and am now getting involved with the Committee again as Second Vice President and other functions.*

We are lucky to have members like Carl who continue to contribute to the ongoing success of the Club. NB

## *April Speaker - Sean Riley, Tassal*



Sean Riley, Tassal's Head of Environment, explained the breadth and importance of Tassal's operations in Tasmania and across wider Australia. It's new to many of the members that they have substantial prawn and barramundi farming operations as well as their established salmon operations.

Sean detailed the growth in salmon annual production from 400 tons 30 years ago to 39,800 tonnes today. Future demand is growing strongly.

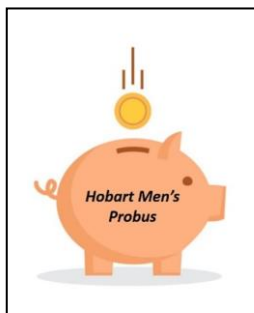
Key challenges for the future include meeting growing demand while protecting the environment. The application of new technology and moving offshore will be among the solutions.

The club extends its grateful thanks to Sean for taking the time to provide this informative presentation. NB

## RESIGNATIONS

It is with regret the club has received the resignations of long-time members Glenn Pearce and Past President Bruce Price. Both have found it now not possible to attend meetings and activities and to share in the fellowship. We thank them both for their contribution to our club over many years.

## *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 the 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 to 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

## *Presenter - May Meeting - Di Mason*



### UNDERSTANDING SKIN CANCER

Di Mason founded Melanoma Tasmania in 2014, which expanded its scope of practice to include all skin cancers in November 2019.

Topics to be covered in Di's talk include:

- The difference between melanoma and keratinocyte (or non-melanoma) skin cancers
- The cause of skin cancer
- How to identify skin cancer – why we do not have a skin screening program
- How to protect your family – learn from our lack of sun safe education
- Vitamin D – the balance of getting adequate amounts without risk of skin damage
- Changes in treatment practices for melanoma.

This is essential information for all our members and their families. Our members were brought up at a time when there was little education on skin cancer protection. As we age, our old sun practices are coming back to haunt us. Knowledge is a key factor in protecting ourselves.

# APRIL OUTING - RUNNYMEDE



Our April outing was to historic Runnymede. Runnymede is a snapshot in time of Tasmania's history in the early to mid-1800s. We toured the house, whose furnishings are originals from the period. Significant colonial Tasmanians lived in the house, including the first Anglican bishop and an early solicitor who was an advocate for Tasmania moving from a penal colony to a self-sustaining community. I enjoyed the story of the bishop having his most trusted convict prepare and provision his boat for an offshore pastoral visit. When the Bishop arrived the next morning to set sail, the boat had gone along with his no longer trusted convict and several of his mates. That wasn't the end of the story, the convicts reached America and sent back a cheeky letter thanking the bishop for providing the boat and provisions.

After our tour we retired for a relaxing lunch at the Succulent Restaurant at the Botanical Gardens.

Grateful thanks to guides Lyn and Chris for a wonderful trip back in time to Tasmania's colonial period. Your knowledge of the house and the times provided a most interesting experience. NB

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOWLER

The school holidays have been upon us and many were undertaking child minding duties. Here is a gem told to me by my granddaughter (age 10)



Granddaughter: Poppy, what was the name of the famous Roman emperor afflicted with constant head colds?

Poppy: Can't think, who was the famous Roman emperor afflicted with constant head colds?

Granddaughter: It was Julius Sneezer, of course.

(I have a new respect for the teaching profession who have to suffer these howlers every day. School holidays are bad enough!)

## April Lunch Brunch Outing



Our April munch was enjoyed by so many members we had to add an additional table to seat everyone. The venue was the Mornington Inn and for a first visit our experience was excellent. The huge menu was well priced and the servings were just the right size. A lot to like about the Mornington Inn! - Geoff Medhurst

## MAY OUTING - POOLEY WINERY



The visit includes a talk on the history of the winery and comments on the wine industry generally from Mat Pooley; a short tour of the nearest vineyard (for those who wish to); an alfresco pizza lunch and a formal wine tasting experience (5 wines with descriptions by Mat Pooley) with the opportunity to purchase if you wish.

Pooley's won the Australia wide award in 2023 for "The Best Australian Winery".

Any questions, please contact David Brammall ph. 0447 532 327

WHERE:	POOLEY WINES RICHMOND
WHEN	FRIDAY THE 17TH OF MAY
TIME	11.00 AM
COST	\$40 (Payable into the Probus Club Account by Thursday the 9th of May).
TRANSPORT	CAR (Pooling from the Bowling Club might be an option - leaving at 10.30)
ATTENDEES	Please provide your name, number attending, and your phone no.

David Brammall 0447 532 327

## May Lunch Brunch Outing



Where could we match the top-class Mornington Inn? Why, the Black Buffalo Hotel of course. The 'Buff' has what it takes to be successful, an imaginative menu at a reasonable price and plenty of parking. The date is Thursday May 16, the gathering time is from 12 noon 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 May 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 at 12:30pm.**

Interested members please email [brianbut70@gmail.com](mailto:brianbut70@gmail.com)

## *Shutter Bug Sree's Slides*



Sree was on the job at the April meeting taking pictures of all and sundry.

You can visit his meeting portfolio at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/83U9nN8ZqEhTGvSCA>

## *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 TASSIE TOUR**

**(MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024)**

We currently have 22 members and partners who have expressed interest in this tour. There are still some seats on the luxury coach available. The full itinerary was printed in the April edition of our Probus Bulletin, so if you have had second thoughts and would like to join the tour or enquire about it please **contact Mike Walpole (0429001402) or Frank Walker (0417543057)** and get onboard.

A reminder for all those intending to travel on this tour is that deposits of \$400 per person (\$800 per double/twin) are to be paid into the Probus Club Bank account by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 as follows:

**Hobart Probus Club Men's BSB 017324 Account Number 417249848** Please include your name and 'Deposit NET'.

The payment of the deposit will confirm the booking on the tour.

## **KELLY COUNTRY TOUR**

**(TUES. 1st – FRIDAY 4th APRIL, 2025)**

This is advance information regarding a proposed Club tour to Victoria in April 2025.

Day 1/ Travel to Mansfield via Healesville Sanctuary

Day 2/ Mansfield – Milawa (Cheese factory) - Beechworth (Court House & Re-enactment) – Chiltern - Wangaratta.

Day 3/ Wangaratta - Bright(town & environs tour) - Mt. Buffalo - Wangaratta.

Day 4/ Wangaratta – Glenrowan - Benalla -Seymour - Melbourne by 5.30 pm.



**Numbers:** 20 (minimum) – 25.

**Cost:** \$1300 - \$1350 pp. Single supplement is + \$300

**Travel:** Travelling to and from Hobart will be left to individuals to organize to suit personal preferences.

**Departure** in Melbourne will be from the Ibis Hotel (Thierry Street) at 8.30 am.

**Lunch:** Lunch on days 1, 2 & 3 will be at own expense, other than that all meals, entry fees etc. and accommodation is covered in the p.p. cost.

More details will be provided towards the end of this year – some details may vary between now and tour departure.

The tour in a 'Deluxe' coach is fully escorted with a Driver and Hostess & additionally local Guides are used in some places.

**Commitment:** Early November 2024

We will keep you posted with information on this tour as it comes to hand.

**Contact Mike Walpole (0429001402) or Frank Walker (0417543057)**

# Gallagher's Giggles

Brian Gallagher is not able to attend our meetings and functions but remains an active member through his contribution to the bulletin. Thanks Brian, your 'Gallagher Giggles' are greatly appreciated. NB

Here are Brian's latest offerings:

- I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any.
- I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.
- I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
- Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population?  
Ireland..... Every day it's Dublin.
- I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought:  
"That's the last thing I need!"
- You're not completely useless,  
you can always serve as a bad example.
- I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.
- To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero.  
Thanks for nothing!

I can't help but think that people today would be much happier if they listened to 70s music more often



How True. 60s music was pretty good too.



"My doctor told me to avoid any unnecessary stress, so I didn't open his bill."