

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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President's Theme for 2025/26

“Be involved, share the fun and fellowship”



MAY MEETING GREETER – TREVOR ABBOTT

2025/26 - first Committee Meeting



The incoming Committee had its first meeting before the April general meeting.

From front left:

Brian Butler – Secretary

Carl Lawton- President

John Carter -Vice President

Graham Sargison – Past President

Nick Mason – Minutes Secretary

Arthur Orchard – 2nd Vice President

Rob Brand – Treasurer

I observed this outstanding group of gentlemen in deep discussion and reaching consensus to address difficult issues. They showed respect for each other and kept on topic. It is a good model for other governing bodies close to home to adopt. - NB

April Greeter - Terry Craven

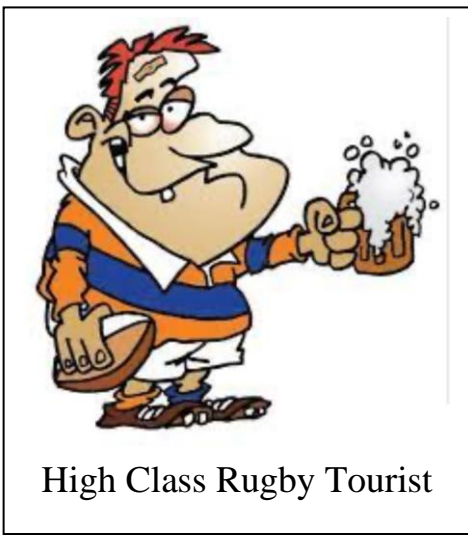


Our April Greeter was our newly minted member Terry Craven, who was still smiling after previously being subjected to the welcoming song at his induction! Seen here greeting Alan Pretyman at the meeting.

To my delight I found out that Terry is an old rugby player and tragic. A man after my own heart.

Terry must have been pretty good as he played on the hallowed turf at the home of Rugby, Twickenham Stadium in London (respect).

It got me thinking of our proposed stadium in Hobart and how it would make sense to build it as a rugby ground.



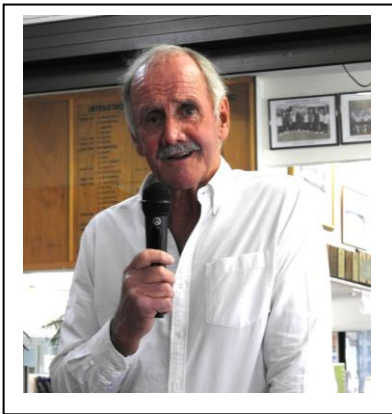
The area of a rugby ground is half the size of an AFL ground, therefore a smaller stadium saving enormous cost.

Rugby players don't mind playing in the rain, so no roof required. They wouldn't care if it was moved from Macquarie Point so the massive crowds could enter and leave on the same day as the game!

Big games would attract a swathe of high class rugby supporters into the state, lifting the state's sagging economy.

I thought I had such a good case that I should submit it to the government for consideration, but they would have realised all too quickly that it was April Fools Day!!! - NB

April Presenter - Jim Wilkinson



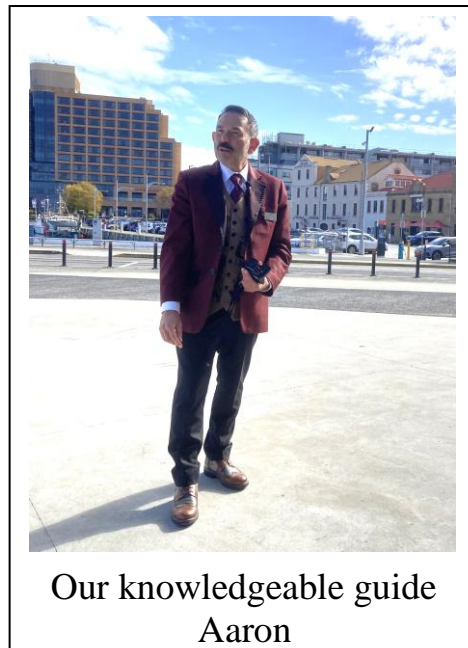
Members were treated to the life and times of Jim Wilkinson at the April meeting. Jim is a great raconteur and gave entertaining insights and anecdotes of his colourful career.

Jim was a man of many talents, being a senior cricketer, footballer, commentator, journalist, administrator, lawyer and politician.

There were plenty of interesting stories left when his time was up, which was a pity as I'm sure members would have enjoyed hearing more.

Thanks to Jim for so generously giving his time.

April Outing - THE SHIFTING SHORES OF SULLIVAN'S COVE



Members were in for a real treat with the mac01 hosted tour around Sullivan's Cove to understand its past and many historical features that were not known to many of us.

The past was brought to life by our knowledgeable and entertaining guide, Aaron. We had our individual earpieces so that we could clearly hear the commentary. A nice touch was the supplied view finder that gave us historical shots of the points where we were standing, such as the massive fire on Ocean Pier in 1948. The pier extended 350m beyond the current mac01 pier. It was hailed as 'one of the world's finest deep-water structures of its time'. Sadly, it was never rebuilt. Another interesting fact we discovered was that the original Constitution and Victoria docks were shallow, particularly at low tide. The areas were dammed and the base lowered by hand. This was a massive task and the spoil was deposited on the north eastern side of the IXL buildings to provide a foundation for the buildings along Evans

Street.

We finished a tour of the IXL buildings and had lunch at Jam Packed. It was a fabulous day and thanks go to Sarge for organising it.

May speaker - Brian Butler

RED LIGHT THERAPY



The May speaker will be our own Brian Butler.

Brian's presentation will explain 'What is Red Light Therapy and some of the ways it is utilised in different fields of medicine'.

Brian's presentation will provide a personal reflection on its use as an adjunct therapy in Parkinsons Disease.

Sree's Shutter Bug Slide Selection

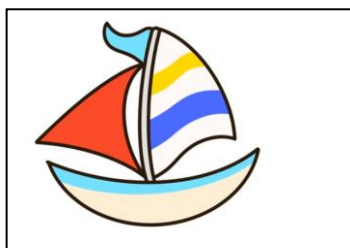


Sree's slide portfolio from the April meeting can be found at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/JgLBxgQkP7VPnryB7>

Sree has captured key moments of Jim Wilkinson's presentation.

Post Meeting Lunch



Bill Mottershead is taking over the co-ordination of the post meeting lunch at the Yacht Club.

Please notify Bill if you wish to attend.

May Outing



TOFFEEMONT ALPACA FARM VISIT

Lewis Hamnett has organised a visit to an Alpaca farm in Orielton (just outside Sorell) for **Tuesday 20th May at 10am**. The owners have provided this description for us:

‘The tour includes a full one hour interactive tour, meeting, feeding and patting alpacas, hearing educational talks, followed by morning tea including cakes, biscuits, fruit, tea, coffee etc. Guests can visit our on farm shop full of alpaca garments, yarns etc. The overall time for this tour is approximately 1.5/2hrs.’

The **cost of this excursion is \$37** and we need a minimum of 8 people for this to go ahead. All are welcome to join this outing. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our meeting.

PROBUS Second Thursday Luncheon Group

Thursday 8th May 2025 @ 12.30pm.

The Claremont Hotel, 1 Main Road, Claremont.

*Another first visit: this time to the freshly refurbished
Claremont Hotel in the sunny northern suburbs*

*The new décor is fabulous, the food and service is great and
there is plenty of parking.*

The new-look Claremont Hotel is on par with the Shoreline.



Faulty Towers Dining Experience Shows 2025

Join Basil, Manuel & Sybil for all of their shenanigans! Riversdale is home to the Faulty Experience and enjoy a 3 - course meal and plenty of laughs out loud! You are sure to be entertained as you enter the world of the Faulty Family!

Tickets \$120pp

Partners welcome of course!



Riversdale Estate, 222 Denholmes Road, Cambridge. Ph. 62485555

The three shows on 18th and 19th July are already sold out.

Riversdale has just announced an extra show on Sunday 20th July at lunchtime.

Be seated by 11.45am – show starts 12 noon.

I will need a firm show of hands at our 7th May meeting of intent to attend.

I will then book a table in my name and those joining can book for my table and pay direct.

This fourth show will fill up in the next two-three weeks so we need to move fairly quickly.

If there is no interest – that's ok!

Contact Arthur Orchard – aorchard01@bigpond.com or 0419123302.

I attended this show when it was at Riversdale some years ago. It was a real hoot. Great fun for any Basil Faulty fan. – Neil Blaikie

Handing over the Editorial Baton



This is my last bulletin. After 5 years as bulletin editor and producing 48 bulletins it is time for me to hand over the bulletin to Lewis Hamnett.

I thank all those who contributed to the bulletin during my time as editor. I have been well supported by members and have attempted to include their articles, when not too rude, where I could.

All correspondence regarding the bulletin should in future be directed to Lewis at hamnettla@gmail.com.

Good luck with it Lewis. – Neil Blaikie Editor.

Farewell to Tasmania



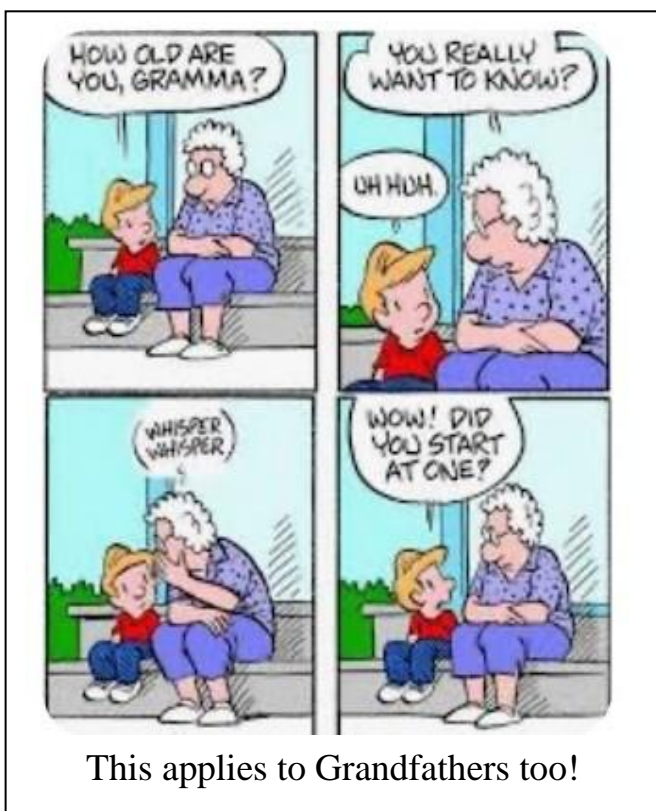
Nanette & Hans at White Beach

Nanette Drielsma wishes to say farewell to all Probus members, partners and friends as she and Hans are moving to the Sunshine Coast to be closer to family in their retirement.

Nanette participated in many Probus functions over the years, most notably as the fiddle player in the Jamsetters group and being an organiser of entertainment at White Beach. Who can forget the fabulous White Beach Bells (and Whistles on instruments).

We wish you all the best in your new life in Queensland.

Remember to slop on sunscreen and wear a raincoat! - NB



Pop this future event in your diary



AUSMAS this year will be held at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania, Lindisfarne on **Wednesday, 18th June**.

Coming Items of General Interest

Wednesday Walkie Talkers (John Carter 0414 765 910)



Our ever ready group is ready to embrace the cooler weather with new hips and other appendages in readiness for a good cup of coffee and chat afterwards. If you need a reason to walk you can't beat joining us each Wednesday for a 9.30 start at Sandy Bay.

See you on the promenade.

John Carter

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 7.30 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.