

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!”



July Greeter – Malcolm Salier

Welcome Back Allan Browning



Hobart Mens' Probus welcomes the return of Allan Browning. Allan was a previous member who left the club around ten years ago to live on the mainland. The delights of Tasmania were too much to resist, and he is back in his old stamping ground on Hobart's western shore.

Allan was straight into action by greeting all members attending the June meeting.

Allan (right) is welcomed back by
Roger Billingham

Welcome to our new member - Malcolm Salier



President Sarge, Malcolm Salier and Lindsay Lovell

At the June meeting Malcolm Salier was introduced to members by Lindsay Lovell and inducted into our club by our recently returned (from Italy) President Sarge.

Malcolm described his outstanding career in education. Malcolm held senior roles including Principal of Rosny College and Southern Districts Superintendent.

He joins a bright band of teachers in our club, who have shaped the lives of past generations. Many of those teachers are great contributors to our club, however, it is probably too late to shape any of our ageing members.

We welcome you on board and trust you will enjoy your time in Probus.

June Presentation - Bob Cotgrove



Urban geographer Bob Cotgrove provided an expert's view of the reasons, and possible solutions, for the increasing traffic congestion in Hobart. Bob explained that the geography of Hobart currently forced most traffic flowing from one area of the city to another, through the city centre. The layout of the city centre has changed little in the past one hundred and fifty years. There is an ever increasing ownership and use of cars resulting in the congestion we see today.

Bob advocated the need to provide an option to bypass the CBD. This is an expensive project and not supported by many politicians.

As a vote of thanks, President Sarge offered Bob a bottle of his favourite 'Il Plonko' wine brought back with him from Tuscany, especially for this occasion.



July Presentation - Sam Green



CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE

The new Bridgewater Bridge is Tasmania's largest ever transport infrastructure project. The new bridge will make travel safer and more efficient. It will connect local communities, create more open space and change the way people travel between the north and south of the state. Construction company McConnell Dowell is the lead contractor for the project, which will be completed next year.

Sam Green is a project engineer with McConnell Dowell. He is Tasmanian born and bred, from Hobart. He studied Ocean Engineering at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston before moving to the mainland and pursuing works all around Australia, Fiji and PNG. Most recently he worked on a new wharf construction for the Australian Navy in Darwin with McConnell Dowell, before returning home in February 2023 to work on the new Bridgewater Bridge.

Christmas in July - Ausmas



Phil and Christine Mathers



Stewart Wardlaw and Margaret Sharpin

The sun broke through persistent cloudy skies to shine on a well-attended Ausmas lunch at the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club. President Sarge greeted the diners and happily made the point that recent club events, including the Ausmas lunch, were well supported. There wasn't a great deal of yuletide dress, the only obvious Christmas attire being a flash red and green Christmas jumper worn by Carl Lawton.

The Ausmas lunch is a popular event each year and grateful thanks go to the organisers Terry Kay and Rob Brand.

Agatha Christie's Mouse Trap – AT THEATRE ROYAL



On Wednesday 12th June, 21 Probus members and partners set out to the Theatre Royal to see if they could solve the mystery of the Mousetrap before all was revealed at the end. We all settled back to experience the world's longest-running play, a thrilling murder mystery by the best-selling novelist of all time.

As the highly professional and talented cast led us cleverly through the mystery, the show was at times funny, sad and puzzling but always entertaining. At the end of the show we, like thousands before us, were all sworn to secrecy. I am sure all of our group enjoyed this rare theatre experience.

(Carl Lawton – Entertainment Group)

Sree's Shutter Bug Slides

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

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1D5Ytah3foPFBaMMA>

Sree has cleverly included a complete set of slides from Bob Cotgrove's talk 'Land Use and Urban Travel Patterns In Post Industrial Cities'. You can revise this excellent presentation or catch up if you were not present on the day.



July Lunch Brunch Outing



Our July lunch will happen in a new and special location on the Eastern Shore. The Shoreline Hotel dining room has been booked for Thursday July 11 at 12 noon. Those who have been to the Shoreline will know about the excellent menu, the tasteful surroundings and the easy parking. What's more, for those travelling from the Western shore access is by freeway right to the door. A totally enjoyable experience is assured so get on the list at the July meeting.

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 July 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.

July Outing - Grote Reber Museum and Radio Telescope

Tuesday 16th July 10am



The guided tour includes a look at the museum and observatory, with a close up look at the 'Big Dish', a visit to the control room, and time to explore the museum with a guide. You can have a safe viewing of the sun and view 2D or 3D mini movies in the virtual reality theatre. The museum and radio telescope are fully accessible except for the entry to the control room which has 4 steps.

The tour will take 1.5 hours and costs \$5.50. Partners are very welcome to attend.

The money should be paid into the Hobart Men's Probus A/C

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Directions:

Mount Pleasant Radio Astronomy

90 Denholms Rd, Cambridge.

Follow the Cambridge-Richmond Road (B31).

Take the Denholm's Road exit at the Frogmore Creek Winery.

At the left-hand bend take the road uphill (to the right) towards the "big dish".

Parking is to the right in front of the museum.

We will meet in the car park at 10am.

Lunch is at 12 noon at the Mornington Inn, 322 Cambridge Road, Mornington.

Carl Lawton's contact number is 0422 486 722 (Carl Lawton)

Probus Club Calendar



Members are reminded that the club calendar is available in the Club's web site.

This calendar shows the planned/proposed club events as they are currently in place.

Changes are made as required in order that members have a source to access when needing to check details of events in which they may be interested.

As with the rest of the website, we trust this is of benefit to our club members. *(Brian Butler)*

Tantalising Tours and Travel

Kelly Country Tour



Members are reminded that a Kelly Country tour is planned for April (1st – 4th) next year. We will be calling for expressions of interest in September and commitment in November.

This coach tour (ex Melbourne) will cover places and sites of interest in towns and territory from Melbourne - Healesville - Mansfield – Milawa – Beechworth – Chiltern – Wangaratta – Bright – Mt Buffalo – Glenrowan – Benalla – Seymour – Melbourne.

At \$1300 pp, it represents excellent value. The airfare has been left out of the costings so that members can take advantage of frequent flyer points by making their own bookings, and where desired might also include any extended travel plans. More details about the tour are available from David Brammall and further details will be published in a future Bulletin. *(David Brammall)*

North East Tasmania Tour



2nd to 6th September 2024

We now have the numbers for the North East Tasmania tour to proceed.

As with all tours so far, the tour group will have a fabulous, informative and fun time.

POSITION VACANT – PSPL TREASURER

The Board is seeking expressions of interest from Probus Club members to serve as PSPL's Treasurer. This role is currently being filled by David Ekert whose term will end on 20 November 2024. The main function of the Treasurer is oversight of PSPL's financial strategy, which includes management of the Company's accounts, budgets and financial statements. This is a volunteer position which may require travel to Sydney on a quarterly basis, however all meetings are being held via technological means. The initial term of office of the appointee will be for three years from 20 November 2024, subject to annual reviews.

Contact Brian Butler for further information.

Coming Items of General Interest

Wednesday Walkie Talkers (John Carter 0414 765 910)



Our ever ready group members are all wrapped up in winter woollies and new hips ready to brace the cold, 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 7.45 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.



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Membership Report – ROB BRAND

Membership at 30th June 2024 is 85 Active and 6 Bulletin Only. Attendance has been averaging around 73%, which is an excellent achievement.

We have a variety of promotional material that can be used to inform potential new members about the activities and benefits of Probus. Please contact Rob Brand if you would like to receive copies.

Approaching potential members and trying to explain Probus, (and dispel some myths,) can be a challenge. If you know somebody who might be interested in joining the club but are hesitant to approach them, don't hesitate to pass their contact details to Rob. He can give them a call in his capacity of Membership Officer and pass on relevant information including an invitation to accompany you to a meeting as your guest.

Please don't forget to contact Rob if you intend bringing a guest so he can prepare a name badge and record their attendance. Rob will also receive apologies up to 9.00 am on the day of the meeting.