

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!”



Our Senior VP steps up

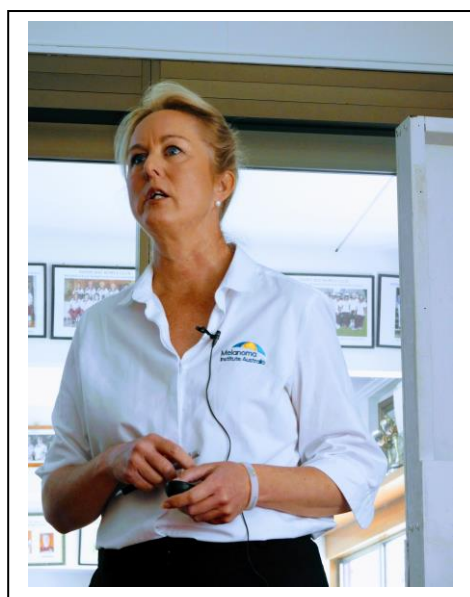


Our recently elected Senior Vice President, John Thomson stepped into the breach to chair the May meeting after our newly inaugurated President Sarge nicked off to Italy to twirl some spaghetti around a fork and to wear out more shoe leather on the European tramping trails. Well done John.

I am sure Sarge will present some amazing tales of his Italian odyssey at a future meeting. That is something to look forward to.

May Presentation - Di Mason

DI MASON:- MELANOMA INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA



Di Mason provided an interesting and insightful outline of why Australia has the dubious title of “melanoma capital” of the world. She commenced by explaining how ultra violet light penetrates and damages successive layers of our skin and the resulting evolution of traumas, starting with basal cell carcinoma, progressing through squamous cell carcinoma to the deadly melanoma.

She explained that most skin damage occurs in childhood, so the stage is already set for most of us.

Di also dispelled many widely held beliefs, including;

- If you have a good tan you are protected. (Tan is actually damaged skin).
- You don't have to worry about UV on a cloudy day (95% of UV radiation passes through clouds)
 - It's a hot climate problem, (Tasmania is second behind Queensland for melanomas)

The big message Di delivered is:

“Early detection is vital for melanoma survival. If there is any unusual change to your skin, anywhere on your body, get it checked by a specialist as soon as you can”.

Thanks to Nick Mason for arranging this presentation by his daughter-in-law.

(Rob Brand Reporting)

June Presentation - BOB COTGROVE

LAND USE AND URBAN TRAVEL PATTERNS IN POST INDUSTRIAL CITIES

Bob Cotgrove is an Urban Geographer, specialising in transport economics, urban travel patterns and land use of urban areas.



He has four university degrees:

Bachelor of Arts (Hon)

Master of Transport Economics

Master of Science (Economics) University College London.

Bachelor of Dementia Care 2018.

Bob was a lecturer at the University of Tasmania, teaching from 1970 until 2012.

In sport, Bob represented Australia in the over seventies cricket team in 2013, the first team to tour the United Kingdom.

He is a life member of the Institute of Australian Geographers, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (FCILT) and a member of the Economic Society of Australia.

We look forward to Bob's talk which will concentrate on land use and urban travel patterns in post industrial cities. (*Trevor Wilcox*)

Membership Officer's Report – ROB BRAND

The three resignations we received last month again demonstrates the need to continually bring new members to our club. We are back down to 85 active members, so all members are urged to approach friends and relatives and invite them as guests to a meeting or outing.



JOHN
Smith
VISITOR

If you do intend to bring a guest, it would be appreciated if you could provide me with their name before the meeting so I can prepare a Visitor Name Badge for them.

Visitor name tags will now have a grey background for easy identification. Members are encouraged to seek out visitors during morning tea and demonstrate what a friendly and welcoming club we are.

New member nomination forms are available from me at the meeting or via email.

Membership Listing

A complete listing of members, including contact number and partner name, will be distributed to all members electronically prior to the June meeting. Please contact me if you do not wish to have your details included.

Rob Brand

Membership and Recruitment

0418 122 671

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RESIGNATION – Alex Young

Sadly, the club has received the resignation due to health issues of Alex, who has been a member since June 1995. We acknowledge with gratitude his long and much enjoyed association with the club.

New Presentation Manager - **GEORGE STRICKLAND**



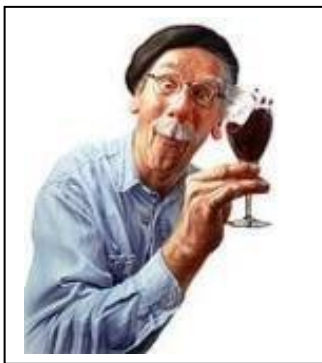
George Strickland has agreed to take on the valuable role of Presentation Manager.

The members greatly appreciate George volunteering as this is one of the most important roles in the club.

There are interesting stories out there among our members, their families and associates, as demonstrated by Nick Mason introducing Di Mason at the May meeting.

Don't hesitate to contact George if you have any ideas for a presentation.

MAY OUTING - POOLEY'S WINES



Twenty-three club members and wives braved the elements and fronted Pooley Wines for what was a fascinating talk on the history of the Pooley family's involvement in the industry and the art of grape selection, grape growing and wine making. Matt Pooley was very generous with his time and his preparedness to field all questions was much appreciated, as witnessed by the many questions asked. Following his talk, we were introduced to five varieties of their wines, including an expert description of each, and an inexhaustible supply of fire-baked pizzas. Equally impressive was Matthew's ability to manage the rather doubtful weather – outside in the sun for the talk and under cover for the tasting and pizzas.

All in all, it was clearly a successful Probus activity, a good day being enjoyed by members and wives/partners. (*David Brammall reporting*)

May Lunch Brunch Outing



A small group of members had a very friendly lunch at the Black Buffalo hotel. We enjoyed excellent fare and lots of good chatter over a wide range of topics.

- Geoff Medhurst

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.

June Lunch Brunch Outing



This month we will be attending the Ausmas lunch to be held at the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club on Wednesday June 19, time 12 for 12.30. We can look forward to a delicious meal and wives/partners are very welcome. Please ensure your name (and wife/partner name) is already on the list which was circulated at the last meeting.

Christmas in July - Ausmas



The winter solstice is approaching, so instead of stripping down for the Mona nude swim, dress up and come instead to the annual Probus Ausmas lunch.

Date: Wednesday 19 June

Time: 12:00 for 12:30

Venue: Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club

Cost: \$50 per head (Drinks at own expense)

Method of payment will be provided at the June meeting.

Rob Brand is organising tables of eight. Please contact Rob (0418 122 671) rmbrand@bigpond.com, if you wish to organise a table or wish to sit with someone.

The cut off for arranging tables or making alterations is Tuesday 11 June.

Rob would prefer to be contacted with seating requests before 4 June meeting so as he can show members the arrangements at that meeting.

Tantalising Tours and Travel - Mike Walpole



North East Tasmania 2nd to 6th September 2024

GET ON BOARD. There are spots available.

Thanks to all who have paid their deposits for the tour. There is still time for extras to come on board as we have had a few who have not gone ahead after their expressions of interest. So, if you have had second thoughts about this trip, now is the time to get onboard.

In order to accept late starters, we have extended the final date for payment of \$400 per person to the 4th June. If you would like to join us please make payment to the Club bank account as follows:

Account Name: Hobart Probus Club Mens

BSB: 017324

Account Number 417249848

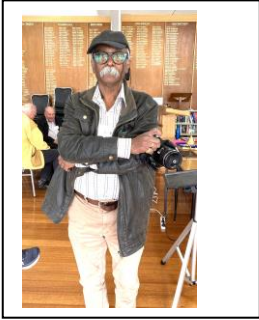
Please include your name and 'Deposit NET'.

A full copy of the excellent itinerary is attached to this Bulletin together with prices and inclusions.

Don't forget that friends and relatives are very welcome to join us.

Please contact Mike Walpole (0429001402) or Frank Walker (0417543057)

Shutter Bug Sree's Slides



Sree was on the job at the May meeting taking pictures of all and sundry. You can visit his meeting portfolio at:

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

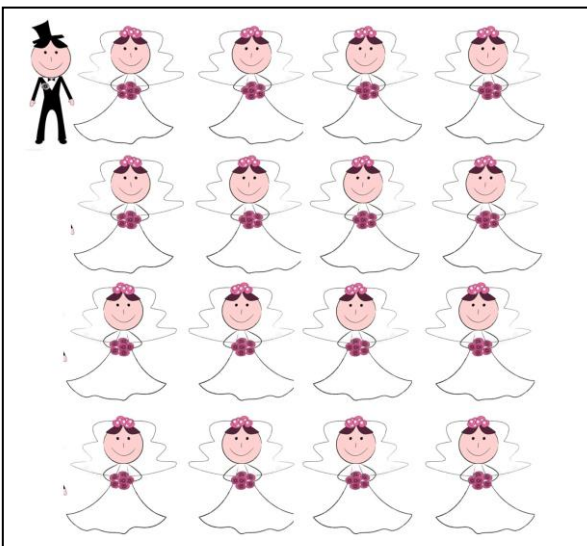
Sree's pictures include several of the key slides from Di Mason's presentation. These are useful if you wish to remind yourself of the key messages of the presentation or to catch up if you were unable to attend on the day.



Why is it when I press 1 for English, I still can't understand the person on the other end.



My fancy new car has a button for pretty much everything. There is even one that says 'Rear Wiper'. I'm still too afraid to try that one!!!



Son: Daddy, how many wives can a man have?

Dad: Sixteen son,
four better, four worse, four richer,
four poorer.

(Thanks to Brian Gallagher')

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.

Fabulous insults from – Brian Butler

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows, or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress!"

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." (*Forrest Tucker*)

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." (*Billy Wilder*)

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." (*Groucho Marx*)

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." (*Winston Churchill*)

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." (*Oscar Wilde*)

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

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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)