

## 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!”



August Greeter – John Bloomfield

### *July Presentation* - DAVID ESLING



David's excellent presentation “A life in education” was about his experiences in teaching. His working life was in primary education. He began by describing his childhood experiences in a tough public boarding school in England.

He dreamt of an alternative education – there had to be a better way, so he went to university, studied education and joined the Tasmanian Education Department. David had a special interest in children's education. He used art as a means of reaching out to children, many of whom were from underprivileged backgrounds and had no wish to attend school. He used the power of art for parents and students to encourage one another. The children's art was often outstanding, which had the flow on effect of involving parents and teachers in their successes.

David has written several books documenting his experiences and successes. His presentation inspired and reinforced the important role of teachers and other educators.

*(Mike Walpole reporting)*

### *Sree's Shutter Bug Slide Selection*



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

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Pxz5VBGT2KzmZS3o9>

Sree has caught many candid snaps at the meeting, including David Esling's presentation and John Bloomfield's induction into the club.

## *NEW MEMBER INDUCTION* - JOHN BLOOMFIELD



John Bloomfield was introduced to members by Wayne Wallace and inducted into the club by President Graham Sargison.

John presented a most impressive story covering his life's achievements.

John and his wife Fay of 66 years raised two daughters in Ulverstone. John moved to Hobart six years ago to be close to family.

John's first career was in the motor industry, with a long association with Motors before taking on his own Toyota dealership.

After a short restless retirement, he started a second career in real estate, where he served two terms as President of the State Real Estate Institute.

John has a passion for golf, becoming a life member of the Ulverstone Golf club in 1981.

John has held several senior posts in different institutions, including the RACT, Red Cross, Central Coast Council, and Rotary.

Finally, of course (to the bewilderment of some) John declared himself to be a Collingwood supporter.

We welcome John and know he will enjoy his association with the club.

## *September Presentation* - BOB GOSSI



Our speaker for September is the highly successful businessman and administrator, Bob Gozzi.

Bob remembers the first time he walked through the doors of AFL headquarters in Melbourne armed with Tasmania's case for a team in the big time. It was 1994. He will share that journey with us as well as many more of his achievements over the past five decades.

Bob came to Tasmania in 1978 to join Cadbury Schweppes. He co-founded the Cadbury Marathon with Ted Best, which after 41 years is the longest continuous marathon event in

Australia. He was President of the Sandy Bay Football Club and Chief Commissioner of the Tasmanian Football League. He was also a member of the Australian Football Foundation Board for 10 years and chaired the Joint Working Group to bring AFL (North Melbourne) to Hobart.

His service to the business community includes appointment as inaugural Commissioner of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission, President of the TCCI, Board member of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chair of the Workers Compensation Committee.

He has also proactively engaged with the wider community as member of numerous advisory boards and committees.

We look forward to hearing Bob's story. (*Rob Brand*)

## *Grand Daughter's Howler for the Month*



*Grand Daughter (aged 10):*

Poppy, what do you call a prehistoric man wandering around the countryside?

*Poppy (age withheld):*

I have no idea, what do you call a prehistoric man wandering around the countryside?

*Grand Daughter*

A MEANDERTHAL, of course Poppy

Oh dear, they never seem to get better!

## *August Lunch Brunch Outing*



Our munch was perfectly located at the Seagrass Restaurant on the beach at Sandy Bay. There we enjoyed an excellent meal together with a good measure of drink and very lively chatter. We are indeed spoilt!

## *July Outing- Henry Jones Art Hotel.*



Tina leading the tour.

Two groups of enthusiastic art lovers toured the fabulous Henry Jones Art Hotel in August. This was high art with exceptional works by John Glover and winners of the prestigious Glover landscape prize. This was far above the annoying 'bovine artists' who inflict themselves on us from time to time.

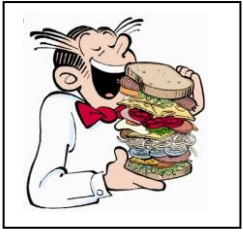
We were met by our tour guide Tina who described the many wonderful art works.

The day was capped off (or started if you were in the second group) with a pleasant lunch in the sunny and warm Jam Packed restaurant.

The same group has other tours, including the Wapping area and the MACq 01 Hotel precinct. We look forward to these being included on our outings program.

Many thanks go to Trish and Henry Jones staff for this wonderful viewing of some of the best artworks in Tasmania.

## September Lunch Munch Outing



Don't play golf? Then you may go straight to the nineteenth hole at the Tasmania Golf Club as this is where we will enjoy our munch on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to an excellent menu, a fabulous outlook and a very friendly bunch of members just like you. The date is Thursday September 12 and we meet at around 12 noon. To join us please register on the list as it comes around or call or email Geoff Medhurst on 0418 136 618 or [gmedhurst@gmail.com](mailto:gmedhurst@gmail.com)

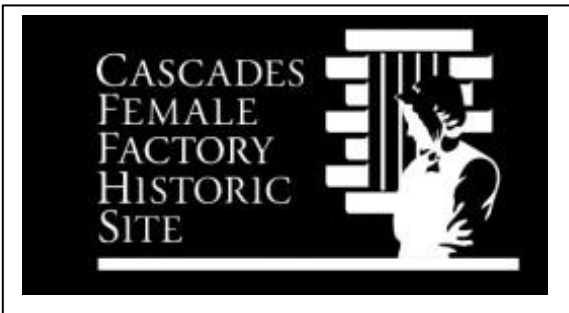
## Post Meeting Yacht Club Lunch- (John Carter)



Please let Brian Butler know during the coffee break if you wish to attend the Yacht Club lunch after the September meeting, so they can inform the Yacht Club of numbers.

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

## September Outing - CASCADES FEMALE FACTORY



Our September outing is to the historical Cascades Female Factory. This is a place you have always wanted to visit but have never got around to it. Well, here's your chance!

This is not the story of a Ladies Probus Club but of a place for convict women, of whom many were described as 'Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls'.

This guided tour introduces the site's history, the 7,000 women, and the convict system. Discover what life was like for the women who were transported to Van Diemen's Land.

The tour is 40 minutes with ample time to browse afterwards at your own leisure, around one hour in total.

Please put these details in your calendars.

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2024

Time: Meet at 10:45 for 11:00 tour

Cost: \$25 Concession. Pay on the day  
(Bring your concession cards).

Lunch: Cascade Hotel

Organiser: Neil Blaikie (0407 870 302)

The venue manager informed us that the event will go ahead regardless of the weather. Partners and friends welcome. Please put your name on the sheet circulated at the September meeting.



**BEWARE !!**  
Notorious Strumpets  
and dangerous girls

## October Lunch with Sandy Bay Ladies Probus



In order to celebrate 'Probus Month' we are combining with the Sandy Bay Ladies Probus Club for a lunch at the Black Buffalo Hotel.

The lunch will be held at 12 noon on Monday 21st October.

Partners are welcome. It will be an a la carte menu with drinks from the bar. A list will be circulated at the October meeting. If unable to attend that meeting you can email me at: [carljlawton@gmail.com](mailto:carljlawton@gmail.com) and I will add you to the list. (Carl Lawton)

## It's Scams Awareness Week!



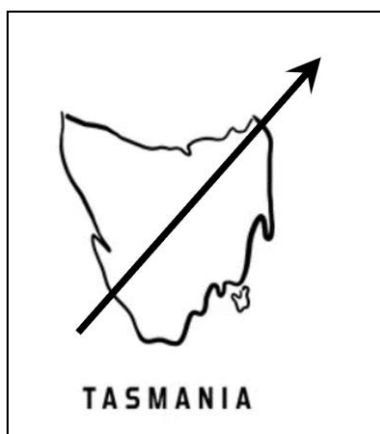
**Scams Awareness Week (SAW)** is an annual scams awareness raising campaign delivered by Scamwatch's National Anti-Scam Centre.

Being scammed can happen to anyone, anytime. This year's campaign theme – Share a story, stop a scam – encourages all Australians to speak up, share and report scams. Sharing your story helps others to spot, avoid and report scams, and recover from the harms caused by scammers.

Visit [scamwatch.gov.au](http://scamwatch.gov.au) to report a scam or to find out more about SAW. (Brian Butler)

## TANTALISING TOURS AND TRAVEL

### North East Tasmania Tour



#### 2nd to 6th September 2024

The group travelling to the Northeast Coast of Tassie is departing on the 2nd September for their 5-day tour. Last week those on the tour were hosted by the travel organisers, Coal River Coaches/Love Tasmania Tours to a predeparture get together and morning tea. This function was to enable those on the tour to get to know each other and be updated with any last-minute arrangements. We thank Coal River Coaches for their support. It will be fun.

We look forward to hearing all about this tour on their return. (Mike Walpole)

# *Kelly Country Tour*



**Members are reminded that a Kelly Country tour is planned for April (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) 2025. We are calling for expressions of interest in September and commitment in November.**

This tour is ex Melbourne and a full itinerary and other details are provided at the end of this bulletin.

At \$1293 pp (twin/double share), 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.

## KEY POINTS

- This is a deluxe coach tour, fully escorted with driver and hostess with additional specialist guides used in some locations. Minimum 20 travellers, the coach can take up to 35. If numbers are greater, we can split into 2 tours.
- The tour commences from the Ibis Hotel in Therry Street Melbourne at 8.45 on Tuesday 1st April. Return to the Ibis Hotel on Friday 4th April around 5.30pm.
- Air flights and hotel accommodation required pre and post tour are an individual responsibility. It is suggested that due to possible flight schedule delays, accommodation arrangements be booked at the Ibis Hotel for the pre tour night of the 31st March. Depending upon individual circumstances it may also suit some travellers to stay overnight at the Ibis post tour on 4th April.
- Currently there are limited frequent flyer flights before and after the tour where bonus points can be utilised if required. Our tour operators are currently negotiating a “discounted rate” with the Ibis Hotel for us. More on this later.

We are now seeking “Expressions of interest” for this tour by completing the form to be passed around at our Probus meetings in September and October. Commitments by way of deposits will be required by 15th November and balance by 7th February.

Note that partners, family and friends are most welcome.

If you are unable to attend our September and October meetings and would like to be “on board” please let Mike Walpole or Frank Walker know to put your name down on the Expressions of interest form. (Mike Walpole)

## *Coming Items of General Interest*

### *Wednesday Walkie Talkers* (John Carter 0414 765 910)



Our ever ready group 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.

## *Nicknames for my colleagues at work*

### *Brian Butler*

Wicket keeper - puts on gloves and stands back

Harvey Norman - 3 years no interest

Sensor light - only works if someone walks past

Noodles - thinks all jobs take 2 minutes

Blister - appears when the hard work is done

Showbag - full of crap

Lantern - not very bright and has to be carried

Deck chair - always folds under pressure

Perth - 3 hours behind everyone else

Spider – spends all his time on the Web

Bushranger - holds everyone up

Wheelbarrow - only works when he's pushed

Limo - carries about 8 people

Cordless - charges all night but only works for 2 hours

*(Thanks Brian)*

# KELLY COUNTRY TOUR

Hobart Probus Club

Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th April 2025



## Day 1 - Tuesday 1st April –

This morning we depart and travel through to the Yarra Valley to the township of Healesville where we stop and visit the acclaimed Healesville Sanctuary. After visiting the sanctuary we go back in to Healesville for some free time to wander the streets and get some lunch (own expense). Having enjoyed all Healesville has to offer we reboard the coach and make our way to Mansfield, sitting at the foothills of the Victorian Alps, and the ski fields of Mt Buller. The town has a rich history dating back to the 1830's including it's time as a pastoral run, to the discovery of gold, and the significance of the Ned Kelly story. We will have a chance to explore this beautiful little hamlet before we check-in for our first night on tour.

Overnight & dinner: Alzburg Resort

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## Day 2 - Wednesday 2nd April –

After a hearty breakfast we depart our motel and head towards Milawa passing via Powers Lookout which provides unparalleled vistas of the Upper King Valley and the Alpine National Park, it is believed the lookout was a vantage point for bushranger Harry Power to view approaching troopers during his period of notoriety in the north-east in the 1860s. Continuing on we make our way through the King Valley and Milawa where we will stop to take in some of the local delicacies before making our way to the beautiful township of Beechworth ... upon arriving we will be met by a local guide who will join us on the coach as we discover more about this historic township. Having completed our guided tour we have time to wander the eclectic mix of stores that make up Beechworth and purchase lunch (at own expense) at one of the many little cafes or eateries, or the famous Beechworth Bakery. You can also visit the Beechworth Honey shop where you can taste the many flavours of their honey, the old telegraph station where you can actually still send telegraphs. This afternoon will have us visit the old court house where we partake in a re-enactment of one of the trials of Ned Kelly. Having heard the verdict of Ned being handed down we jump back on the coach for the journey back to Wangaratta.

## Day 3 - Thursday 3rd April –

This morning after our breakfast we head to Bright where we meet a local guide and commence our tour of Bright and Wandiligong. Our guide will share with us the fascinating history of Bright, and where we will be in awe of some of the magnificent gardens and tree lined streets as Bright shows off her best. After enjoying some time wandering the hamlet of Bright and lunch at own expense we're off to the stunningly beautiful Mt Buffalo. Reaching up to just over 1700 metres above sea level, and having had land reserved



in the 1890's, Mt Buffalo is one of Australia's oldest national parks. We will stop at the beautiful old Mt Buffalo Chalet, built in 1910 it is currently undergoing a magnificent restoration, and the views from Barents Lookout straight over the Ovens Valley are second to none. From here we return back to our motel in Wangaratta.

Overnight & dinner: Gateway Motor Inn

(b/d)

#### Day 4 - Friday 4th April –

This morning we put our bags back on the coach for our down the Hume Highway and back in to Melbourne ... but before we conclude our tour we visit another must see on the Ned Kelly trail and stop at Glenrowan and from there on to Benalla, both towns having connection to Ned and his exploits. Lunch today is included at the Royal Hotel before making our way towards home ...

Home:

(b/l)

#### Highlights:

- Deluxe Coach Travel
- Fully Escorted with Driver & Hostess
- 3.5 Star Accommodation
- 3 Motel Dinners
- 3 Cooked Breakfasts
- Local guide in Bright
- Lunch at the Royal Hotel in Benalla
- Local guide in Beechworth
- Entry to Healesville Sanctuary

#### Tour Cost:

\* **\$1,293-00 per person (twin/double share)**

\* **\$309-00 single supplement**

\* Price is based on minimum 20 guests travelling  
\$100-00 non-refundable deposit payable by

Friday 15th November 2024

\* Balance due by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Southern Star Tours reserves the right to cancel this tour due to insufficient numbers.

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