

# THE BULLETIN 5 November 2024

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## 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!”



November Greeter – Peter Flett

### *Melbourne Cup Sweeps - Tuesday 5 November*



The sweep is on again at the November meeting, three (3) sweeps on offer, \$5.00 per horse. Prizes 1st \$60.00, 2nd \$40.00, 3rd \$20.00 based on 24 runners.

Charles Thomas, our very own Horse Whisperer, will be at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club between 4.00pm and 5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday (depending on where I am playing lawn bowls) and Thursday for collection.

### *New Member - Dr Peter Flett*



Dr Peter Flett was introduced to members by Past President Graham Standen, and inducted as a member of our club by President Graham Sargison, at our October meeting.

Peter presented a short personal history and details of his many achievements.

Peter was born in Adelaide and his father was a doctor on the York Peninsular in South Australia. Peter studied medicine at Adelaide University and served his internship with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. He

went on to specialise in Paediatrics with a focus on disability and rehabilitation of children. Peter moved with his family to Tasmania to take up the position of Director of Disability and Rehabilitation.

In 2013 he made the wise decision to settle permanently in Tasmania. We welcome Peter into our club and trust he will enjoy the camaraderie and club events.

Peter will be our November Greeter. Please give him a warm welcome to the club. NB

## October Presenter - John Smeaton



Howzat!  
Umpires Galore  
John Smeaton and Bernard Knight

Cricket Umpire and raconteur, John Smeaton, gave a lively presentation at the October Meeting of his outstanding career as a maths teacher and first class cricket umpire.

He gave a nostalgic picture of growing up in Railton in the 1960s, following his passions of Maths, football and cricket.

John described the challenges cricket umpires face from fiery players to spectators. He mentioned the dark side of international gambling on cricket results and the effect it has on umpires and players.

We thank John for his highly entertaining presentation and to Bernard Knight for organising the presentation.  
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## Combined Probus Lunch



Around 50 Probus members from the Sandy Bay Ladies and Hobart Mens Clubs enjoyed their lunch in North Hobart on Monday 21st October to celebrate Probus Month. This second occasion was a welcome addition to the outings calendar for both clubs and gave an opportunity to enjoy another of the benefits of Probus membership, that of a wider social fellowship.

*Brian Butler reporting*

## Second Thursday Lunch Munch Group



Another very pleasant lunch was enjoyed by several of our members on 10th October at the Dr Syntax Hotel. The mains must have been good because most of us went back for dessert!

The new TT Line ferries featured prominently in the discussions for a while, whereas the AFL Grand Final hardly got a mention. Hmmm!

Our numbers were up and some of our regulars were unable to attend, so we are looking for a great turn-out for the next lunch on 14th November.

A new venue has been selected that we have not visited before.

*Cheers from Arthur Orchard.*

What mattered then	What matters now
<b>1978</b>	<b>2023</b>
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

*Thanks to Mike Woolley*

## *November Presentation -*



### **TASMANIAN HAROLD GATTY, WORLD FAMOUS AVIATOR AND NAVIGATOR**

Roald Fullerton will present the story of Tasmanian Harold Gatty. Harold was an Australian navigator and aviation pioneer. Charles Lindbergh called Gatty the "Prince of Navigators". This will be a fascinating story of a high flying Tasmanian that many have never heard of.

## *“November Second Thursday Lunch Brunch*



Derwent Sailing Squadron

This month I have booked us a table at the Derwent Sailing Squadron in Marievile Esplanade.

It's on **Thursday 14th November with a 12 noon** start.

All reports about the meals are great, the service is exemplary, the venue is on the water and there is ample free parking.

What could possibly go wrong? See you there!

(Arthur orchard 0419123302 aorchard01@bigpond.com)

# November Outing - Government House Garden tour



Our November outing is to the beautiful Tasmanian Government House Gardens.

**Date and Time: 10:30am Tuesday 19 November**

**Cost: \$20 per head (Concession) + small booking fee**

**Max number: 30. Partners welcome**

The Committee decided to adopt an online booking system for this event. Members wishing to attend will need to book and pay through the Trybooking on line system. It is simple to use, and it will greatly reduce the Treasurer's workload. This system is being increasingly

adopted for events being organised by groups such as ours. It took me only a few minutes to make my booking. NB

**HOW YOU BOOK:**

- Tap on the following link to access the registration page:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/1279036>
- Enter the **access code HPCM2024** in the box at the top right hand corner. Note the access code is case sensitive, so use capital letters. The access code must be typed in, not cut and pasted.
- Follow the instructions to register and pay.
- Trybooking will email you the tickets to attend.  
Note: The tickets are non transferable. Only the person named on the ticket will be given entry. This is a Government House security requirement.

Further details will be provided at the November meeting. – *Organiser – Graham Sargison*

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



### **Cancelled For November**

Due to the next meeting being Melbourne Cup Day, the Yacht Club is only taking bookings for their Cup Day menu, 3 courses for \$98. Due to the difficulty of finding another venue, we will take a break and save our money for next time. *John Carter*

### **The job interview went well until:**



Interviewer: Can you describe your biggest weakness?

Interviewee: Well, I can be a little too honest in sharing my thoughts.

Interviewer: I think that is a personal strength rather than a weakness.

Interviewee: I don't give a bugger what you think.

*The interview ended right there!!*

# Christmas Lunch



Christmas is fast approaching and soon the sleigh bells will be a ringin'. To kick off the yuletide festivities we invite you to our annual Christmas lunch.

**Date & Time: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00 Noon**

**Venue: Mystate Bank Arena**

This year it will be a buffet lunch at a cost of \$60 per person. Partners are of course most welcome. A participation list will be circulated at this month's meeting. If you are unable to attend this month's meeting and would like to come you can notify us by email to:

[hobartmensprobus@gmail.com](mailto:hobartmensprobus@gmail.com)

If you would like to make up a table of 10, there will be sheets at the November meeting or once again via the above email address.

Christmas lunch money should be paid by direct deposit to:

**Hobart Probus Club (Mens) Inc.**

**BSB 017 324**

**Acc. 417249848**

**Ref: Christmas and your name**

This buffet menu should whet your appetite and encourage you to be there.



## CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH MENU

Freshly baked bread, local butter

Huon Hot smoked salmon, horseradish, capers and lemon

Olive Oil roasted potatoes, lemon & parsley

Thyme Roasted seasonal vegetables

Marmalade baked free range Tasmanian leg of ham

Oven roasted turkey breast, sage gravy

Mixed local greens, shaved radish, red wine vinaigrette

Christmas pudding, vanilla custard, fresh berries

## Beware of Scams



Our demographic is way overrepresented in being the victim of scams. Our ever vigilant IT guru, Brian Butler, has provided the link below.

Can you spot a scam? Are you willing to test yourself?

This link to the Government's eSafety Commissioner's BeConnected page (very safe), gives information and presents some (optional) tests for you to attempt.

This may save you funds and embarrassment. Are you willing to learn?

[https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/articles-and-tips/how-to-spot-a-fake-email?utm\\_campaign=2408\\_BC\\_lms\\_August\\_email\\_scams&utm\\_id=ef1d0e77f9e39a405ad412cf3806c783&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eSafety\\_edm](https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/articles-and-tips/how-to-spot-a-fake-email?utm_campaign=2408_BC_lms_August_email_scams&utm_id=ef1d0e77f9e39a405ad412cf3806c783&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eSafety_edm)

## Sree's Shutter Bug Slide Selection



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

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YN7JMk9zR5Lk9Ro58>

Sree has caught many candid snaps at the meeting, including John Smeaton's dynamic presentation and Peter Flett's induction into the club.

## Outings planning for 2025



Dear members,

Well done to those who suggested ideas for Outings at our last meeting. We received about 30 ideas. Unfortunately we only had four people who offered to take on the organisation of an Outing. We also need an overall coordinator to keep things moving along. Please consider taking on one of these roles. It's not too hard. *Carl Lawton*

## 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.

