

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
“Developing Friendships and Networks”

Today's Greeter is President Neil Blaikie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members

Welcome to the 2019-20 year of Probus. I am delighted and honoured to be the President for the coming year. As mentioned at the AGM we have an excellent Committee and group of event organisers to steer us towards another enjoyable and rewarding year in Probus.

We move forward riding on the success of Hamish and his team who delivered an excellent past year for us. Grateful thanks are extended to all involved.

I have chosen '**Developing Friendships and Networks**' as the theme for this year. There are many club members with interesting backgrounds, hobbies, skills and knowledge. This year we will be seeking opportunities to connect members with similar interests. One of the best ways to form friendships and connect on interests is to participate in club activities. It has certainly worked for me.

I look forward to seeing you at meetings and events and please don't hesitate to approach me or any Committee member if you have a suggestion that would contribute to developing friendships and networks in Probus.

Neil Blaikie
 President

Previous Club meeting



2019 Annual General Meeting

President Hamish presided at the presentation of the Annual Report and the Audited Statement of Finance.

Past President Athol Wilkes was then awarded Life Membership of the club in recognition of his exemplary service to the club over many years. A club stalwart extraordinaire.

Following the election of Officers for the upcoming year the induction of President Neil Blaikie was conducted by now Past President Hamish. His presidential address followed.

This Week's Meeting

Our guest speaker for the next Probus meeting on Tuesday April 2 is **Alex Heroys, Chief Executive, Destination Southern Tasmania** who intends to speak on Tourism – cruise ships.

His background is: Currently Chief Executive Destination Southern Tasmania, 5 years with the City of Hobart as Tourism Services Manager, 10 years owning his own Scuba Diving business around the Mediterranean, 10 years living and working in Egypt and the Caribbean. Born in the UK.

Last Month's Activities Report



WEST COAST TOUR

What a wonderful three days we had on our trip. The weather was kind, the company most congenial and the sights, tours and experiences more than matched our expectations.

We were all 'gobsmacked' by the Wilderness Wall which many of us had not previously visited. That viewing in itself made the whole trip worthwhile.

'The Ship That Never Was', in the minds of many, ranked as the highlight of our journey. It was supreme entertainment, particularly as Past President Hamish was randomly selected to play a leading role in the production. We were able to laugh with and at him without restraint.

We were blessed with a perfect viewing day for our Gordon River cruise and Sarah Island stop-over. We marvelled at the exquisite reflections and natural beauty of the river setting and the history lessons so graphically told. To complement this we travelled in comparative luxury and dined well.

Our Abt Railway ride was also a great experience. We travelled from Queenstown to 'Dubble Barril' station and back to Queenstown (a four and a half hour trip). How on earth the pioneer builders of that railway achieved what they did must rank as one of the wonders of Tasmanian construction, perseverance and ingenuity! The incidental history of the area acquired by us on that journey was once again a welcome bonus.

Our two nights were spent at the 'Strahan Hill Top Motel. It was most comfortable and the evening meal and breakfasts we had there were excellent. To cap all this off, the view from their dining/sitting room was something very special. We could not have asked for anything better. I hope you are all jealous!

Luncheon Group

Our March lunch was held at the magnificent Tasmania Golf Club overlooking Pittwater with vineyard laden hills in the distance. Our number was small but the food was tasty and plentiful. All agree that another visit before too long will be most welcome.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon Group – Thursday April 11th

Wives/partners included!

For our April lunch we have booked at the very beautiful Cole Valley Vineyard where the grape vines are now starting to show their autumn mantle. Our 3 course menu has been selected to present the best of our best local produce and the cost will be just \$35. Your choice of drinks will be at additional cost. Because our visit to the Coal Valley Vineyard promises to be such a special day we want to **include wives and partners** as well. When you add your name to the yellow sheet please indicate a number 1 or 2 in the column provided or book later by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or gcmehurst@gmail.com

IT Group

Next meeting – April 29th. As usual 10.00 at SBBC. Delayed one week due to Easter.

Future Outings

April 9	Visit to State Parliament
May 21	Tassal at Ranelagh plus Willie Smith's Cider (tour plus lunch)
June 20	Ausmas

Club Welfare (Robin Holmes 62459326)

Members are requested to contact Robin if they are aware of any member who is ill, in hospital, or otherwise indisposed and either he or his family may be in need of assistance.

Warblers (Bob Brewster 62251964)

The Warblers meet in the SBBC Clubrooms at **10:00a.m.** on the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month**. Extra voices are always welcome.

Aquarobics (Ian Miller 62252560)

The group meet each Friday at the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre at 7.45 am for a splash, exercise and gossip. Coffee and nibbles follow in the cafe. The group welcomes casual participants should you feel you may benefit from a bit of clean fun.

Strollers (Athol Wilkes 62241673)

This committed group of walkers enjoy the walk along the Sandy Bay Foreshore each Wednesday at their own pace. Some are fast and furious, others resemble slow snails and yet others simply stroll. There is a place for all! It is followed by coffee at a nearby restaurant. Meet near Beach House, Lower Sandy Bay at 9:30a.m. Partners are welcome.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **Tuesday, May 7th 2019**

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

1	Glenn	PEARCE
21	David	RATCLIFF
27	Bob	CLIFTON
28	Harry	STANTON

Members with responsibilities!

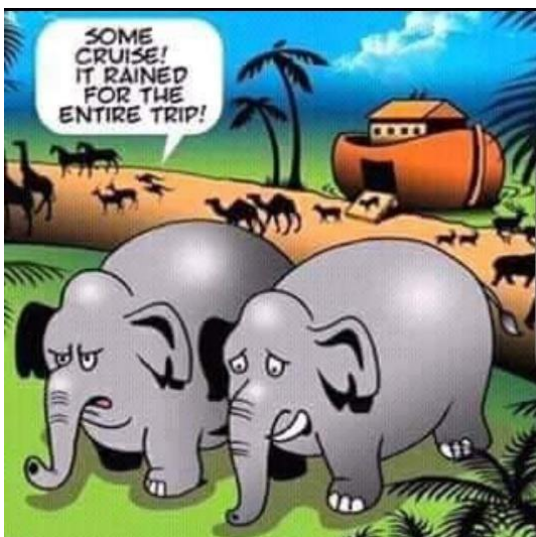
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BSB 017324 Account number 417249848

Please always ensure any deposit made includes your name to identify it. No payment should be made at a branch of the bank as it is not identified to the club as to the payee.



A gathering of Past Presidents at lunch

Member's contributions to the Bulletin are always welcome. The greater number of guest reporters the more varied and interesting the Bulletin content can be.