
HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
"Explore, Enjoy, Experience together"

Today's Greeter is Barrie Irons

From the President.

As I sit and reflect on my year so far as the President of Hobart Men's Probud Club, I find that I am surprised how pleasant the role of President of this club is. With a knowledgeable and hard-working committee, a very positive and growing membership base it is a rewarding role indeed. The truly strong point of our club lies in the generous fellowship to be found at our meetings and within the activities offered. Regardless of the nature of the activity or even the quality of a particular meal or excursion everyone seems to enjoy experiencing it together. It is also great to see wives, girlfriends and partners joining us for many of these experiences.

In a time when we hear so much bad news and many in our age group seem to fade out of involving themselves in life, clubs like ours have an increasingly important role to play. In closing I return to my theme for the year: Explore, Enjoy, Experience together. Take care and have fun.

PS. As someone who loves a laugh I share this with you...

An eighty-year-old man's golf game was hampered by poor eyesight. He could hit the ball well but he couldn't see where it went. So his doctor teamed him up with a ninety-year-old man who had perfect eyesight and was willing to go along to serve as a spotter.

The eighty-year-old man hit the first ball and asked his companion if he saw where it landed.

"Yep," said the ninety-year-old.

"Where did it go?" the eighty-year-old demanded.

The ninety-year old replied, "Sorry, I don't remember."

Carl Lawton
 President

Report on July Meeting



John Short gave us an interesting and informative talk on his unearthing of the history behind the Bank Arcade and its links to the earliest days of the settlement of Hobart and that of Governor Bligh's impressions of the settlement. It was fascinating to hear of the construct he has been able to make of some of those times and the part played in the development of the city.

Jim Hughes added to the drama of the day towards the end of the talk and it was pleasing that it all ended well.

Today's Business

Today's speaker is **Professor Peter Boyce AO** giving a presentation on "*Risks and Dilemmas for Australian Foreign Policy*".

Peter Boyce was born and raised in Western Australia and graduated with 1st class honours in history from the University of WA in 1957. He completed his graduate studies in the US and England and has held senior appointments in political science at the Universities of Tasmania, Queensland and WA. For eleven years (1985-96) he served as vice-chancellor of Murdoch University. He returned to Tasmania in 1996 and is currently an honorary adjunct professor in its Politics and International Relations Program. In 1995 Professor Boyce was made an Officer in the Order of Australia for "services to education, international relations and the community". He and his wife (Lorinne) have three adult children.

Last Month's Activities

InfoTech Group

Eight attendees and four apologies! A new high for numbers. Neil Blaikie led us in an informative and wide-ranging discussion on some of the apps he utilises when travelling to help him locate directions, venues, places of interest. Other members were able to contribute their experiences and add to the knowledge base. It has been suggested that next meeting we look at **Photography** and ways of dealing with all those photos we take when away on vacation. The methods we use and ways we find easy for keeping track of things and of "adjusting" photos can be shared for the benefit of others.

Red Decker Bus Tour (David Brammal)



Thirty one Probians and partners fronted for our Hobart Bus Tour and for lunch afterwards at the Casino Buffet.

In spite of the fog not completely lifting until almost the end of our tour it was a most enjoyable ride through familiar and unfamiliar territory. It brought back many nostalgic memories for some and new sightings for others. Viewing homes and grounds from the height of a double decker bus without being restricted by having to drive or being sight impeded by high fences was a novel experience and enabled

us to view such places in a new light. From the homes in Sandy Bay and South Hobart, to the Cascade Brewery and the Georgian architecture of Macquarie Street, the old Gaol and Courthouse in Campbell Street, the Botanical Gardens and Government House and the spectacular viewing from Rosny Point all made for fascinating offering. The day wrapped up with a pleasant social lunch in the Buffet restaurant.

I think many of us were surprised at how much we actually learnt from the tour and also, perhaps, how much we actually enjoyed it.



Men's Luncheon Group Report

Our July lunch was held at the Fern Tree tavern where fifteen of our members enjoyed excellent surroundings and company. Not so excellent was the specially ordered roast beef which tasted fine but was full of sinew. Our host apologised strenuously and offered us a discounted meal next time and a free coffee.....

An impromptu Foodies Quiz has conclusively proven that a majority of members present prefer to eat their delicious Tasmanian scallops with the roe ON.

: CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Outings (Bob Pratt 62252317 or bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com)

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| Aug | Tue 15 th | State Cinema. | Bob Pratt |
| Sept | Tue 19 th | Houston's Farm Richmond. | Hamish Kyle |
| Oct | Tue 17 th | Westpac Rescue Helicopter. | John Brodribb |
| Nov | Tue 21 st | Tasman Peninsula Day Trip (Lunch at Lufra). | Ian Eadie |
| Dec | Tue 5 th | Christmas Lunch | Hamish Kyle |

Please remember, partners, relatives and friends are welcome on our outings unless otherwise specified.

Men's Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

At our next lunch on Thursday August 13 you will be able to make up for last month's crook beef and then some. We have reserved tables at the renowned Wrest Point coffee shop where the buffet is all yours for \$26.50 (meal only). But wait there's more! If you have a senior's card and a valid Wrest Point members card you qualify for a discount. Check in time is from 12 noon and ask for the Probus table.

Warblers (Bob Brewster 62253402)

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

Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison)

Our next speaker will speak expansively on his recent experiences hiking across England. That is right, Graham himself will take centre stage for our benefit

Strollers (Athol Wilkes 62241673)

Walkers enjoy the beachfront walk each **Wednesday** at their own pace and distance followed by coffee at a nearby restaurant. Meet near Beach House, Lower Sandy Bay at **9:30a.m.** Partners are welcome.

Aquarobics (Ian Miller 62252560)

Why not join the group for a dip, exercise and morning tea/coffee at the Hobart Aquatic Centre at 7.45 a.m. every Friday. Members and partners are welcome.

InfoTech Group (Brian Butler 62494939).

Next meeting on the 4th Monday of the month, August 28th at SBBC., 10 am. All welcome. Photographs and dealing with storing, naming, grouping adjusting them. Hopefully lots of sharing.

Club Welfare (Robin Holmes 62825465)

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be September 5th 2017

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Congratulations and best wishes to the following members who have their birthday this month.

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| 5 th John MILLISS, Don McLEOD, Neil BLAIKIE. | 8 th Bill MOTTERSHEAD | |
| 11 th David BLACKBURN | 13 th Roger MORE | 16 th Geoff MEDHURST |
| 17 th Max BANKS | 19 th Michael THOMSON, Bill LAW | 20 th Wes JAMES |
| 20 th Braith WEDD | 24 th Graham BROWNELL | |

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* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward, Carl Lawton, Tony Hope.

