

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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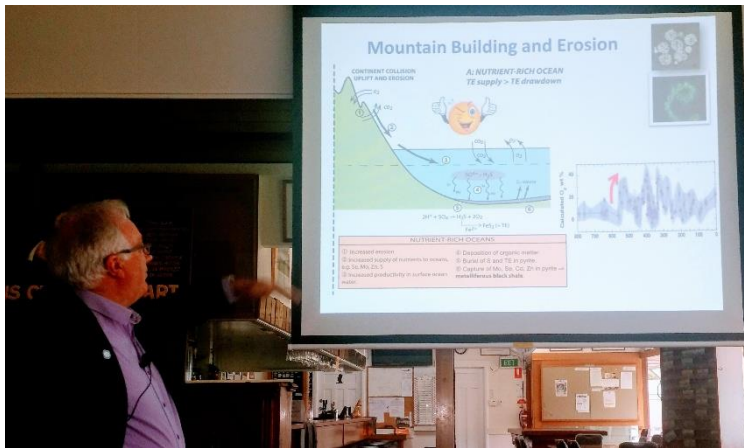


PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

“Friendship and Fellowship”

Today's Greeter is Chris Park

Last month's meeting



Ross Large is a brilliant and passionate earth scientist who has led his team at UTAS in making a ground breaking discovery relating to the rises and falls of life on planet earth over hundreds of millions of years which puts human life in perspective as we appeared on the scene only in the last two million years. His presentation was warmly received by our members

Guest Speaker this month

Jeff Leis is an Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Ecology and Biodiversity at IMAS. He works on the early-life history of marine fishes, in particular, the larval stages of demersal, coastal species. His research focuses on the identity and ontogeny of fish larvae, on the relationships of fishes, on the behaviour and sensory abilities of fish larvae, on the dispersal of marine fish larvae, and on the connectivity of populations of marine demersal fishes.

Jeff Leis takes us into the fascinating world of fish larvae and the ‘Big Blue’ environment they occupy. Marine bony fishes, as opposed to sharks and rays, nearly all spawn tiny eggs that hatch into larvae that are not only tiny themselves, but bear little, if any resemblance to their parents. These tiny larvae drift away from their spawning site, and, without any parental care or instruction, manage to grow and survive in the seemingly featureless blue of the open ocean. Somehow, after a few weeks to months, they must find ‘home’, leave the pelagic environment, survive a ‘wall of mouths’ waiting for a tiny, tasty fish meal, and metamorphose from their fantastic larval form into something resembling their adult. Completing the life cycle of a marine fish is no simple matter with changing body forms, foods and environments. For over 40 years, Jeff has been studying these larvae and how they make their way in the ocean and will tell us just how Nemo and his tiny larval mates manage to do the seemingly impossible.

I'm great at multi-tasking: I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

Last Month's Activities Report



On Tues the 17th 18 Members and Partners enjoyed a very informative and enjoyable tour of the Belgrove whiskey distillery at Kempton.

Hamish Kyle who organised the visit had told me it was a very rustic establishment. What an accurate description. The outside clutter was an introduction to a distillery constructed by a man of passion and talent. One could only admire the ingenuity of Peter Bignall.

After a guided tour by Peter we had a tasting of many of the whiskeys distilled at Belgrove and what a variety there was ranging from almost pure alcohol through peat smokey whiskey to finally a coffee infused whiskey liqueur. After the visit 16 of us enjoyed a very nice lunch at the Huntington Tavern at Kempton. Thank you Hamish for arranging a most enjoyable and memorable day.

IT Interest Group

The group discussed, among other interesting side issues, the upcoming introduction by the Federal Government of the MyHealth program. We improved our understanding of the extent and ramification of the system being introduced and it helped us to better appreciate the positive and negative aspects. With just 3 months to decide whether or not to remain in the system this was a helpful discussion.

Men's Luncheon Group

Our July lunch was attended by 15 members at the Southern Lights Hotel in Kingston. All agreed that the meal was superb especially the perfectly cooked steak and the only time talking ceased was during the intake of food or the quenching of thirst. The venue was first class and will sure to be visited again.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

Those who visit Wrest Point regularly will know the coffee shop and the excellent buffet available there. This month I have again booked a table for us and those with a seniors card we will have full access to the buffet for just \$22.50. Drinks will cost only \$5 when you have a Wrest Point members card. The date is Thursday August 16 from around 12 onwards.

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. There has been a suggestion that we use the time training for participation in the 2019 Mid Winter Dawn swim. The group welcomes casual participants should you feel you may benefit from a bit of clean fun.

InfoTech Group (*Brian Butler 62494939*)

We next gather on the 4th Monday in August (27th) at Sandy Bay Bowls Club. We attempt to give suggestions that can help members with IT issues and to discuss matters of common interest in developing technology.

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.

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

Tuesday 14th August. Visit IMAS at Tarooma. 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

This will be a talk on the activities undertaken by IMAS at their Tarooma base, an inspection of the live fish tanks where breeding takes place and an inspection of the diving equipment used by the researchers. There is limited parking on the property so please be early as our visit is scheduled to commence at 9.30 am.

Location. IMAS is in Nubeena Crescent, Tarooma.

Turn left at bus stop 28 on the Channel Highway heading south.

After our visit an optional lunch is planned at the Coffee Shop at the Casino. A buffet lunch for \$21.50, Senior's rates, is excellent value.

A list will be circulated at the August meeting.

Planned Activities for 2018

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| September | State Cinema | Bob Pratt |
| October | Work in progress | |
| November | Classic Car Tour | Graham Sargison / Graeme Standen |

Q. What is the definition of a will? A. It is a dead giveaway.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **September 4th, 2018**

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

1st Frank Lawrence 5th John Millis, Don McLeod, Neil Blaikie, 8th Bill Mottershead, 11th David Blackburn, 13th Roger Moore, 16th Geoff Medhurst, 17th Max Banks,

Members with portfolios!

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



“We finally agreed to disagree about agreeing to the agreement that we disagreed about before we agreed we would agree, prior to disagreeing to change the part that we agreed not to disagree on when we agreed to the disagreeable part of the agreement. But they want it in writing.”