

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
“Unity in our Diversity”

Today's Greeter is Trevor Willcox



March Meeting Report
 Ian Lewis A.O. informed members, in his own colourful style, about the history and interesting features of Muslim medicine. He no doubt expected his nemesis, Terry Bowes, to make an appearance and he was not disappointed! Unexpectedly Terry, dressed for the part, was very gracious and generous in his expression of appreciation on behalf of the meeting.

Today's Business.... The Annual General Meeting.

From the President. I thank all members for the support and friendship over the past 12 months. My term has been rewarding and enjoyable and has enabled me to interact with a wider circle of members than I had previously. I encourage all members to participate in as many of the club's activities as they can, as their individual contribution always enhances the experience for the group as a whole. The incoming committee and organisers of club activities need and deserve your support and I wish them every success.

Finance: Gross receipts during the 2016 year were \$18,316.86 and Payments \$19,185.47. The Auditor has confirmed that the rules relating to the funds have been observed.

Reports of recent activities:

Outings: Tuesday 28th February. Waterworks BBQ and Aviation Competition.



Held on Tues 28th Feb at the Waterworks was attended by 15 members, partners and friends. It was perfect flying weather with a tarmac runway surrounded by bush but with a nearby lake for emergency landing. Air Commodore David Lane inspected the runway before take off. Gordon Dowl was the winner of the men's event and Ruth Bower winner of the ladies. Congratulations to you both. Gordon Goward and Air Commodore David Lane.

IT Interest Group: Our meeting on 27th Feb discussed issues which included Facebook and its uses for Pages other than ‘Friends’ and the valuable information that can be gained from it; use of the phone volume control as a shutter button; microwave and wifi radiation; and the use of home wifi for the phone to limit download costs.

Men’s Luncheon Group: The Marquis of Hastings Hotel

After an interval of five years we returned to the Marquis of Hastings Hotel and what a surprise we had. Our members tucked into a fabulous buffet commencing with prawns followed by roast Pork and finishing with two helpings of dessert and then coffee and a cheese selection. Return we will.

Photography: Fine weather over the weekend of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival provided a picturesque sight for our photo shoot, with some group members visiting ahead of our scheduled Monday morning event.

Vanners:

White Beach Holiday



Part of the 27-strong group at dinner at Lucky Ducks, Nubeena



Six vans, numerous cabin dwellers and sundry others delighted in many great days at White Beach. Some were there for the full twelve days, others for a range or part thereof.

The highlight was probably the sumptuous dinner at “Lucky Ducks” restaurant where twenty seven determined but very noisy diners tucked into their special choice of what was on offer from an extensive menu. Club President, Brian, and wife, Stanny, were welcome additions to the group. Restauranteurs, Grant and Kelly, did us proud.

Other special moments included: morning tea at the Wilcox’s, kayaking and our daily walks along the beach, fishing with captain Garry (Southwell) from his boat; a purchasing visit to “Rannoch” for some frozen quail; a wonderful culinary experience at the ‘Lufra’ Hotel for a seafood buffet, failed attempts to sample/visit McHenry’s whisky distillery (try again next year), group barbecuing at night, morning coffee (again at ‘Lucky Ducks’ and finally there were our daily “Happy Hour(s?)

All in all, despite ever present **glossolalia**, we hugely enjoyed one another’s company and would encourage more members to join us next year. We have already booked in and the dates are: **Monday the 12th to Friday the 23rd of February** or any parts thereof. The special dinner will be Thursday the 15th.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

Monday 23rd March @ 10.30 am. Photography review at the Brodribb home, 4 Hatton Gardens Sandy Bay, of our MONA, Wooden Boat Festival & holiday season photo results. Also, Darrell Milbourne expects to present a short display on a TV screen of his MONA photographs, to demonstrate the capability of moderately priced photo editing software.

Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison 62278904)

The guest speaker for April will be Donna Hendry from the Macular Degeneration Foundation.

Men's Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

We last visited the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club in October last year and it is time we went again. Our view will overlook a vast spread of maritime pleasure whilst enjoying an excellent two course lunch with a glass of wine for just \$35. Expect a perfect day on Thursday March 16 and the bar will welcome us from 12 noon. Book your place today on the orange sheet or contact Geoff on 0418 136 618 or gcmehurst@gmail.com

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

The proposed Outings for 2017 are as follows.

March Tue 21st Salamanca Historic Walk. Tony Hope

April Wed 19 Orphanage Schools and morning tea. Bob Pratt

May Tue 16th Life Raft Systems. Geoff Medhurst

June Tue 20th Ausmas Best Western Balmoral. Bob Pratt

July Tue 18th Double Decker Bus Tour. David Brammall

August Tue 15th State Cinema. Bob Pratt

September Tue 19th Westpac Rescue Helicopter. John Brodribb

October Tue 17th Houston's Farm Richmond. Hamish Kyle

November Tue 21st Tasman Peninsula Day Trip (Lunch at Lufra). Ian Eadie

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

Mar Tue 21st Salamanca Historic Walk. This Outing is being organised by Tony Hope and will cover the places of historical and other interest around Salamanca. This walk has been voted in the top 10 of historic walks in Australia. The walk will commence at 10.30 am outside the Salamanca Arts Centre and will take approx. 1.5 hours. Cost will be \$25.00 per head.

After the walk we will go for an optional coffee or lunch at the Rendezvous Café Salamanca Square. It is level walking and a list will be circulated at the March meeting.

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Warblers (Bob Brewster 62253402)

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

Bus Tour

At our April meeting we will be asking for expressions of interest in a two to three hour 'Reddecker' bus tour of Hobart to be followed by lunch at Wrest Point. This is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday the 18th of July**. Speak to David Brammall if you have any suggestions about the route we might take or any special destinations to stop at en-route.

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.

IT group (Brian Butler 62494939)

Our group will meet on Monday, March 27th at SBBC at 10.00. All welcome as we discuss and demonstrate various IT related topics and (sometimes) make helpful suggestions as to ways we can better harness the power of our technology. Partners are welcome.

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 on **Tuesday April 4th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Roger Barratt (1st), John Sharman (4th), Vic Farquhar (7th), Tom Vincent (8th), Bert Purnell (10th), Leslie Phillips (12th), Stuart Cripps (17th), Lawrence Dillon (18th), Tom Kirkland (21st), George Norris (24th), John Coutts (29th), Brian Butler (31st).

President	Butler	Brian	6249 4939	
Vice President	Lawton	Carl	0422 486 722	
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Guest Speakers	Sargison	Graham	6227 8904	
Club Outings *	Pratt	Bob	6225 2317	
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Membership	Mottershead	Bill	6244 7909	
Support & Welfare	Holmes	Robin	6282 5465	

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