

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

“Developing Friendships and Networks”



Our Greeter for this month's meeting will be Rod Moore



Last Month

The presentation by the RACT team certainly got the membership involved in the way they responded to the questions on road rules, transport modes now and in the future, and put alternative scenarios for consideration.

Our ability to drive and be independent is of great interest to us all and it is important that we stay cognizant of the current and developing road situation.

It is Election Day!

Annual General Meeting

Will there be an election this year?

Has there been a rush of applicants for positions on the club Management Committee?

Is the club still in a good financial position?

How much will you be asked to pay for the Annual Subscription?

These important questions will be answered at the AGM!

Make sure you are there to influence the decisions made.

The strength of our club has been the willingness of its members to take on roles that contribute to the smooth running of the activities and programs. As time passes it is inevitable that some members are no longer able to continue in the manner they had in the past.

We thank those retiring from their posts this year and trust there will be expressions of interest from others willing to take their place.

2019/20 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As my time as President comes to an end, I can reflect on another successful year for Hobart Men's Probus.

My theme for the past year has been 'Developing Friendships and Networks', as I have found it to be one of the great benefits of Probus membership. I was pleased to observe that many connections and friendships were established through the activities.

I would like to thank my Committee for their contribution and support, and all club members who led, and participated in, activities throughout the year. The current success of the club is wholly due to the many members who are willing to step up to lead and contribute.

I can't mention everyone who deserves thanks in this report, however I would like to make special mention of our Secretary, Graham Sargison, and Treasurer David Back who managed club business and the finances so competently.

The establishment of the new web page and the Travel Group are two outstanding new initiatives during my term. Brian Butler and David Brammall are thanked for taking the lead on these projects.

Finally, I extend my best wishes to the incoming President and his Committee, and every club member for a successful 2020/21 year of activities and enjoyment.

Neil Blaikie

Club President

March Birthdays

1	Roger BARRETT
4	John SHARMAN
8	Tom VINCENT
15	Mike WALPOLE
17	Stuart CRIPPS
18	Lawrence DILLON
21	Tom KIRKLAND
31	Brian BUTLER

Luncheon Group

(Geoff Medhurst 6225 14333)

As Geoff is currently incapacitated there has been no copy for this activity. It is known that the February lunch at the DSS was most enjoyable and worth the visit.

More information re March venue at the meeting?

I entered ten puns in a competition to see if one would win.

No pun in ten did!

Activity Groups

Information about the various club Activities can be found on the relevant page on the club website and in the Club Calendar.

White Beach Holiday Group

There was a record breaking crowd at White Beach this year for our annual week of fun, fitness and frivolity. The stayers numbered 12 and the others came and went as was their wont and the overall count was 38.

The biggest surprise of all was a foot-stomping band of four musicians from our group who entertained us magnificently- President Neil was their leader. This innovation was possibly the highlight of our stay. There was a change of venue for our Thursday dinner. Thirty three enjoyed an evening at Rosedale Homestead – fine food (once again Grant was our chef) and wine and of course the entertainers.

As always exercise was paramount and the beach walkers headed off each morning at 9.30 on the dot! Secretary Graham organised a day walk and those who participated came back pleased that they had conquered the mist, the leeches and the bull ants. This made them feel good about themselves which apparently is very important these days.

Rose Sargison also introduced us to FINSKA to be engaged in either before or after “Happy Hour”. As this was thought to be a rather more sedate kind of thinking persons “skittles” she believed that the “Girls” would triumph. Alas, not true, but we admired her optimism!

There were a number of intrepid kayakers who paddled around the islands and occasionally dabbled in fishing but mainly enjoyed the serenity. Most took the opportunity to explore the district, usually by car or foot but several on their pushbikes. The Tasman Peninsula is awash with history and places of interest.

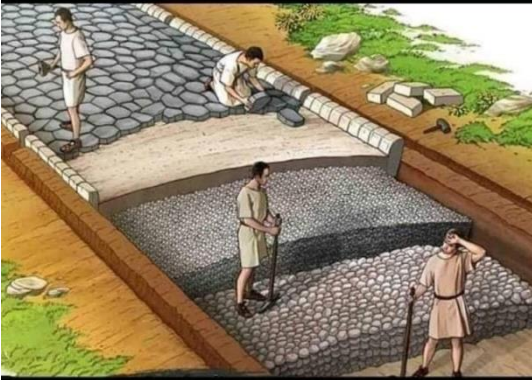
Garry (Gaz from Tas) and Margaret proved to be wonderful hosts each evening from 5 on the dot until whenever someone decided we should barbecue.

Sometimes there were so many of us we broke into groups outside the Southwell’s caravan.

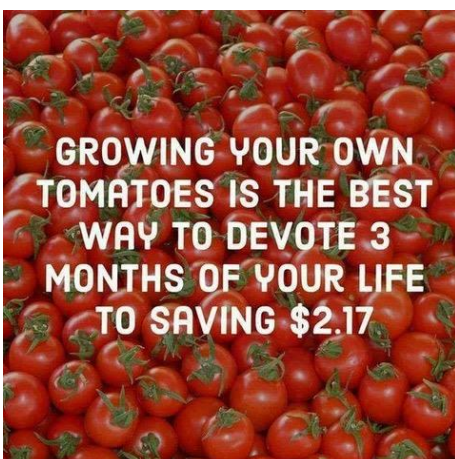
We can thoroughly recommend the White Beach Tourist Park run so well by mine hosts Pete and Bev who sometimes join us for a sip and a snack. Wonderful people.

Next year’s dates are set – Monday February the 8th for the vanners, Tuesday the 9th for the cabin dwellers until Tuesday 16th February or whenever. Join us – you don’t know what you are missing! For further information talk with David Brammall.

**WITHOUT A SINGLE DEGREE, THEY BUILT US
ROADS THAT HAVE LASTED AN ETERNITY**



AND THEN, ENGINEERS ARRIVED



Members with responsibilities!

President	Neil	Blaikie	0407870302
Immediate Past President	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601
Senior VP	Terry	Kay	0409563358
Secretary and Public Officer	Graham	Sargison	6227 8904
Assistant Secretary	Michael	Graham	0400 031 946
Junior VP	Mike	Walpole	0429001402
Treasurer	David	Back	0407895255
Assistant Treasurer	Bob	Clifton	0418262646
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Club Outings	Hamish	Kyle	0408544601
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Membership	John	Brodribb	6225 0897
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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on Tuesday April 7th at the Sandy Bay Bowls and Community Club at 10.00 am.

PROPOSED MEXICO/CUBA TRIP

I have arranged and escorted many international trips to various parts of the world including several to Mexico and two to Cuba, over the last 30 years. I have been asked to consider rerunning a trip for Probus members and so another trip is planned for this September – 25days, almost everything included in the cost of approx. \$10,000.00. Highlights to include celebrations of the Day of the Dead in Oaxaca, the Copper Canyon Railway and a visit to the essentials of Cuba. For more information and expressions of interest please contact bea_lawrence@bigpond.com before 21 March, when I will get definite quotes if there is enough interest.

Bea Lawrence (wife of Probus member Frank)

GALLERY

Remember to check out the website Gallery for photos submitted by members of club Activities. This month the White Beach gathering is featured.

Travel Group Initial Meeting

On Friday 21st Feb a meeting of interested members decided that there was considerable interest in the formation of a Travel Interest Group within our club. 11 members attended and discussed various matters arising from the concept.

David Brammall volunteered as Convenor and Mike Walpole as his deputy with the next meeting scheduled for April 17th.

Ian Miller and Ted Best with Trish and Glenys –
Formal Dinner on the Sun Princess

