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**HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC**


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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**“Be involved, be inclusive”**

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Today's Greeter is **Garry Southwell**.

<b>Membership:</b>	Full members (01/01/16)	115
	Bulletin only	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>

**Finance:** Balance at CBA at 31/10/2015 (Net) \$4345.43.

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**Guest Speaker – Tony Hope** (Graham Sargison 62278904)

**“Personal Experiences of Those Who Served in World War II”**

Tony was born in Hobart Tasmania and is a mining industry professional, businessman, author and historian.

He graduated from The University of Sydney in 1961, majoring in geology and subsequently gained widespread experience in mineral exploration, project and mine developments in Australia and overseas.

More recently he has undertaken part time consulting work for GHD Hobart office as its Principal Mining Consultant. He plays a continuing role in helping to develop China and Tasmania business and cultural relationships through his company HoJi Pty Ltd.

His experience with China extends over twelve years, including consulting to and then managing Golden Tiger Mining based in Nanning, Guangxi. He is currently a senior adviser to the Tasmania China Business Association based in Hobart.

In 2006, Tony published his book *A Quarry Speaks* which provides an illustrative history of Hobart's Sullivans Cove, Salamanca and Battery Point from 1804 to present. The second edition was published in November 2012.

His second book, *The Hope Factor*, on selected exploration to mine activities in Australasia, was published in September 2011. His third book, *Short Stories from World War Two* was launched in October 2014.

## *Reports of recent activities:*

### **Christmas dinner report**

95 members, guests and partners enjoyed a highly convivial and enjoyable luncheon. We were aware that a number were unable to attend due to illness or other commitments and regret their circumstance. We were joined by Hobart Rotary President Kate Domeney but Lord Mayor Sue Hickey was an apology. We look forward keenly to 2016 with such a vibrant group.

### **Raspberries, Water and Lunch ( David Brammall and Hamish Kyle)**

**On the seventh of January thirty-four Probian and wives made the trip to Westerway and Hamilton to tour the Raspberry Farm at Westerway and the Mineral Water enterprise at the Hamilton Hotel where we also had a very pleasant lunch.**

The story of the growth of the raspberry farm from a very modest one acre to the now forty acre (and growing) commercial business that it is now was fascinating. In addition to raspberries it also grows all manner of berries. Probian took advantage of the opportunity to both pick and purchase some of the berries of their choice. In addition we were able to inspect their packaging and freezing plant newly installed.

The Hamilton water bottling story was equally engrossing. Its chequered development was clearly outlined and their plans for the future explained. Who would have thought that behind the hotel is a large bottling shed drawing on the spa water available from a very deep bore sunk beneath a cherry tree nearly twenty years ago! Millions of gallons are able to be tapped through a single fissure which turned out to be the only one on offer. Impenetrable dolomite has prevented any other bores being successfully sunk.

### ***Photography:*** (John Brodribb):

A small group meeting in December reviewed the challenges of panning photography, with mixed views on the results but learning from the experience.

## ***CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS***

### ***Outings (Bob Pratt 62252317 or [bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com](mailto:bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com) )***

The proposed Outings for 2016 are as follows.

### **Feb Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Waterworks BBQ. Gordon Goward.** **BBQ - Hobart Probus World Championships**

The long list of Probus World Championships arranged by our Club will, perhaps, reach its zenith this year.

There is little doubt that we have, or believe that we have, some of the most skillful crossword artists one could expect to find amongst the ranks of Probian, who, with determination and nettled brows, reach each day over the breakfast table to conquer the morning crossword. It is now their opportunity to become the Probus World Crossword Champion!

It must be added that there is a modicum of fear that some of the ladies attending our BBQ will deliver a fearsome challenge - but the genders will be separate(d).

The participants will be given ? minutes (to be determined) to attempt to complete the task. The standard will be similar to that of the average morning paper crossword. Our BBQ will again be held from noon to 2pm on Tuesday, February 23 - this year avoiding an unhealthy clash with the caravanners.

**Mar Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** Dunalley Oyster Farm & Bangor Wines. Hamish Kyle.  
**Apr Tue 19<sup>th</sup>** *Still Being Arranged*  
**May Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** *Still Being Arranged*  
**Jun Tue 21<sup>st</sup>** Ausmas Lunch at Balmoral Motor Inn. Bob Pratt.  
**Jul Tue 19<sup>th</sup>** Maritime Museum. John Brodribb.  
**Aug Tue 16<sup>th</sup>** State Cinema. Bob Pratt.  
**Sep Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Thur 15<sup>th</sup>** Overnight trip in Launceston Area. David Brammall.  
**Oct Wed 19<sup>th</sup>** Runnymede with afternoon tea. Trevor Willcox.  
**Nov Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** Blundstone Arena. Geoff Medhurst & Ian Eadie.

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

***Vanners (David Brammall 62251273)***  
**White Beach holiday.**

It is not too late to join us for all or part of the time at White Beach from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of February. The more the merrier. The Park contact number is: 6250 2142

If any Probians are in the area on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb we have a group booking at "Lucky Ducks" for 7.00pm. Again you would be very welcome to join us but please let David Brammall know for catering purposes.

***Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst)***

To start the new year off on a high note we will revisit an old favourite - the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club. Here we will overlook millions of dollars worth of maritime pleasure at the same time as enjoying an excellent two course lunch with a glass of wine and coffee to finish up for just \$35. Expect a perfect February day on Thursday Feb 11 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 [gmedhurst@gmail.com](mailto:gmedhurst@gmail.com)

***Swimmers (Athol Wilkes 6224 1673)***

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.

***Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)***

Monday 22 February 2016, the fourth Monday in February, meeting at 10 am at the top entrance of the Hobart Botanical Gardens is the next photo shoot activity for an excursion to capture the summer colours of the gardens.

***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

## ***Strollers (Allan Browning 62279516)***

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

## ***IT group (Brian Butler 62494939)***

The February meeting falls on Regatta Day so will not be held as scheduled. March 7<sup>th</sup> will be our next gathering at SBBC.

## ***Club Welfare (Terry Bowes 62251075)***

Members are requested to contact Terry 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 held on Tuesday  
March 1st at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.***

## ***BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY***

Congratulations and many happy returns to: David Peacock (3<sup>rd</sup>), Bruce Rosen (6<sup>th</sup>), Brian Cannon (7<sup>th</sup>), John Miller (11<sup>th</sup>), Derek Oseman (17<sup>th</sup>), Brian Aherne(19<sup>th</sup>), Peter Johnstone and Don Colbourn (20<sup>th</sup>), Terry Bowes (23<sup>rd</sup>), Bruce Price (28<sup>th</sup>), and particular congratulations to David Green (29<sup>th</sup>) who actually gets a birthday this year.

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\* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie,,Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward, Trevor Willcox

## ***The Last Words***

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.

*I used to think the brain was the most important organ. Then I thought, look what's telling me that.*

The midget fortune teller who kills his customers is a small medium at large.

*A farmer in the field with his cows counted 196 of them, but when he rounded them up he had 200.*

The dyslexic devil worshipper sold his soul to Santa.

*When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.*