

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
"Unity in our Diversity"

Today's Greeter is Michael Thomson

REPORT ON DECEMBER CHRISTMAS 2016 LUNCH



It was a happy gathering of around a hundred members and partners who attended the Christmas Lunch at our new Royal Yacht Club venue. Our snaps show part of the gathering enjoying the yuletide setting and the outlook over the marina while President Brian delivered his Christmas greeting. Vice President Carl Lawton conducted proceedings and organised a very enjoyable occasion assisted by the pleasant and helpful RYCT staff.

Today's Business.... Our Guest Speaker today is our own Ian Lewis who will talk, in his inimitable way, about Muslim medicine.

Reports of recent activities:

Who said January is a quiet month for Hobart Men's Probuss???

Outings: "Ovation of the Seas"

At short notice a group of twenty lucky Probussians and wives had the opportunity of touring and lunching on board the "Ovation of the Seas" on December the 13th. Our thanks are extended to Di. Blackwood of Andrew Jones Travel Agency for making this possible.

It is a mighty ship with an extraordinary array of amenities to use, activities to challenge the most daring (rock wall, sea waves to surf), restaurants to supplement the already impressive dining facilities, gyms. to flatten the overfed and indulged tummy, a shopping arcade to rival anything on offer in the city, an automated cocktail bar (to be seen to be believed), a gambling floor to sate the appetite of the most avid of gamblers, a live theatre with state of the art technology to support whatever is being

staged and a myriad of places in which to be very lazy and relaxed. In short, it was an eye arresting experience and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. David Brammall.

Hansen Orchards.

On January 24th David Brammall organized a visit to Hansen Orchards at Grove with lunch beforehand at the Willie Smith Restaurant. It proved to be a most enjoyable and informative occasion. Our host, Howard Hansen, gave the group an eloquent outline of his family's involvement in orcharding, from his Norwegian great grandfather's start on the Tasman Peninsula to their present-day \$50 million turnover from apples and, particularly, cherries for which they are Tasmania's largest producer and exporter. His outline of current markets and production, Tasmania's quality and counter-seasonal advantages, advances in horticulture, planting and weather protection and sorting and packaging technology were both fascinating and understandable ... a tour de force! We toured the sorting and packing shed where Howard was ably assisted by son and fifth generation orchardist Q (Quentin). Our snaps show David briefing the group at Willie Smith's, the intriguing and complicated sorting network with some of the 200 seasonal workers, host Howard and the group photo of the forty-four Probus visitors.



Luncheon Group: A group of seventeen members enjoyed lunch at the Cascades Hotel on Thursday 19th. Thanks to Trevor Abbott for organizing this informal event, which was clearly a popular one.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison 62278904)

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

Tuesday 28th February. Waterworks BBQ, Site 9, noon to 2 pm.

Aviation Competition. At our February BBQ, we will particularly welcome members and partners who have skills in aviation. To succeed in this competition, you will require a depth of knowledge related to the science of flying. Our practical approach will require you to manufacture and fly your paper plane.

As forward thrusting competence may only be realised after many hours of practice, you may wish to build your plane at home and bring it on the day. The sizes may vary but A4 paper will be available on the day for those who do not require practice. Each plane should be propelled with a strong forward thrust in the direction demanded by the Aviation Committee. Each contestant will be permitted a limited number of thrusts (number to be advised on the day). The winning member and winning partner will become Probus Certified Champions and certificates will be presented. Organised by Gordon Goward and Bob Pratt.

The proposed Outings for 2017 are as follows.

Mar Tue 21st Salamanca Historic Walk. Tony Hope

Apr Wed 19 Orphanage Schools and morning tea. Bob Pratt

May Tue 16th Life Raft Systems. Geoff Medhurst

Jun Tue 20th Ausmas Best Western Balmoral. Bob Pratt

Jul Tue 18th Double Decker Bus Tour. David Brammall

Aug Tue 15th State Cinema. Bob Pratt

Sep Tue 19th Westpac Rescue Helicopter. John Brodribb

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

Nov Tue 21st Tasman Peninsular Day Trip (Lunch at Lufra). Ian Eadie

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

Vanners (David.Brammall@bigpond.com or 62251273)

This is a reminder to those who are planning to be part of the group staying at the White Beach Tourist Park to make their intentions known to the managers within the next month or two and be ready to pay their deposit. (February the 14th to Friday the 24th). All club members are invited to join us at the "Lucky Ducks" restaurant at Nubeena for dinner on Thursday the 16th of February at 7.00 o'clock. Please let David Brammall (6225 1273) know so that we can advise the caterers of the number attending.

In addition, a morning tea will be held at the Wilcox's on Monday the 20th February at 10.30.

Their address is 2 Illawong Drive, Stewart's Bay. Trevor's phone number is 0428 253 794.

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

A photo shoot around 11am on 20 February 2017 will be along the Stewarts Bay coastal trail to Port Arthur. The event will follow a morning tea at the Stewarts Bay holiday home of Trevor & Judy Willcox, a part of the social activity of the Probus White Beach Vanners group.

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

To start the New Year off on a high note we will visit The Marquis of Hastings Hotel, last visited in 2011. The Marquis is a very different place now being run by ex Wrest Point people. A daily buffet is a feature of their menu and I have it on good authority it is excellent.

Now here is the deal a self-serve from the buffet with a pre lunch drink and a glass of wine with the meal all for \$30! They can fit in hundreds so you can be assured of a place so get your name on the list. The date is Thursday February 16 and its 12 for 12.30.

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 (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 next meeting: February 27, 2017.

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 March 7th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Congratulations and many happy returns to: David Peacock 3rd, Bruce Rosen 6th, Brian Cannon 7th, Bob McShane 8th, Derek Oseman 17th, Brian Aherne 19th, Don Colbourn 20th, Terry Bowes 23rd, Bruce Price 28th, Stewart Wardlaw 28th and David Green 29th (does not qualify in 2017!).

President	Butler	Brian	6249 4939	
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Club Outings *	Pratt	Bob	6225 2317	
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* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward, Carl Lawton, Tony Hope..

