
HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

“Be involved, be inclusive”



The President's Christmas Message

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

This has been a great year for our club. We have welcomed a number of new members to Probust. Many of these have been attracted by the activities and groups that are on offer. The fun, friendship and fellowship engendered by the club have a dramatic impact on our lives. At this time of year we reflect on the many personal relationships we have in a range of circumstances. The Probust Christmas Luncheon gives our members an opportunity to celebrate with other members. During the festive season it is but one of the many opportunities to celebrate with family and friends.

I look forward to welcoming you all to the Hobart Men's Probust Club in 2016. I am sure it will be a happy New Year for all of us.

Cheers

Bernard

REPORT ON NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING

Membership: Seventy two members were present at the meeting. Graham Standen was inducted. It was reported that our Club membership is currently 120 including five non-active members.

Finance: Balance in CBA A/C at 31/10/2015: \$4345.43.

New Member:



Our newest member, Graham Standen, was introduced by long-time friend Lewis Hamnett and inducted into the Club by President Bernard.

Graham gave members an insight into his career in medicine and was treated to a hearty rendition of the Probust welcoming song.



November's guest speaker, Dr Eric Wapstra, here given a warm welcome by Trevor Abbott, entertained the meeting with a trip into the world of Tasmania's nineteen reptiles (three snakes, fifteen skins and one dragon) and the fascinating way in which the lizards have adapted to our colder climate and mountainous terrain and, for the Pedra Branca skink, centuries of isolation

Reports of recent activities:



Luncheon Group: (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333) Bob Stagg arranged lunch at our almost traditional venue and twenty members enjoyed a convivial occasion and good food at the Derwent Sailing Squadron while yachts and the river provided a picturesque backdrop. Members enjoyed a pre luncheon drink at the yachties' bar

Photography: (John Brodribb): An excursion to develop our photography skills in panning, catching a sense of movement, among moving vehicles in Davey Street saw our skills & cameras challenged. Brilliant sunshine saw many slow shutter speed photos over exposed, with us looking for lower light shaded areas as compensation. An interesting learning experience was reviewed over coffee at Mures.

Outings: Norske Skog Boyer Mill Visit November 2011. (John Brodribb)

The visitors to Norske Skog Boyer Mill received a presentation on how the decline in the newspapers classified advertisements saw demand for paper fall, requiring the shutdown of a paper machine or its conversion to make another product. The outcome was the conversion of a Boyer paper machine to produce a lightweight clay coated paper used in the printing of advertising catalogues, with the Boyer Mill being the contracted supplier of paper for Woolworth catalogues. A feature of the conversion program was an extension to the building and how much of the new equipment was installed while the paper machine continued in operation producing newsprint. An inspection of the operating paper machine was followed by lunch in the cafeteria, courtesy of Norske Skog.

Probus member Jim Hughes was thrilled to revisit the site where in the late 1940's he had, as a young apprentice, worked on the installation of equipment for this Boyer paper machine

I.T Group: (Brian Butler): Report on November meeting. A small group of 6 members looked at some practical ways in which the group can offer support to individual needs. The suggestions made look very practical and will be further explored with a view to incorporating them in the program for 2016. There was discussion also on the interface between photography and computing.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The proposed Outings for 2016 are as follows.

Jan Thur 7th Westerway Berry Farm & Hamilton Inn. Hamish Kyle & David Brammall.

Feb Tue 23rd Waterworks BBQ. Gordon Goward.

Mar Tue 15th Dunalley Oyster Farm & Bangor Wines. Hamish Kyle.

Apr Tue 19th *Still Being Arranged*

May Tue 17th *Still Being Arranged*

Jun Tue 21st Ausmas Lunch at Balmoral Motor Inn. Bob Pratt.

Jul Tue 19th Maritime Museum. John Brodribb.

Aug Tue 16th State Cinema. Bob Pratt.

Sep Wed 14th Thur 15th Overnight trip in Launceston Area. David Brammall.

Oct Wed 19th Runnymede with afternoon tea. Trevor Willcox.

Nov Tue 15th Blundstone Arena. Geoff Medhurst & Ian Eadie.

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

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.

Vanners (David Brammall 62251273)

Vanners' White Beach Holiday

All club members are reminded that the Vanners' annual holiday at White Beach is scheduled for **February next year from Monday the 8th to Wednesday 17th or any part thereof**. Sites have been provisionally reserved. Deposits for each site are due. If you wish to be part of this activity then please confirm your booking with the management (Vicki and Tony). The same applies to those who wish to book a cabin. The phone number is: 6250 2142. If you say that you are part of the Hobart Probus group you may well receive a discount. Do remember that this is open to all members. Come and join us! Bring your kayaks/boats too and anything else that might add to the general enjoyment of your stay.

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

Monday 14 December @ 10 am, previously 10.30 am, at 4 Hatton Gardens Sandy Bay is an opportunity to review the results of our panning photo excursion & discuss some of the photography information Darrell Milbourne has been searching out & circulating to us.

Monday 15 February 2016 is a diary entry for a photo shoot excursion, perhaps to the Botanical Gardens & some macro photography trials.

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 (Bill Mottershead 6225 1935)

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)

IT GROUP next meeting February 8th 2016 at Sandy Bay Bowls Club 10.00 am.

Club Welfare (Terry Bowes 62825465)

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.

Just for laughs

In case you don't get a riddle in your Christmas cracker:

What do you call the fear of getting stuck in a chimney? Santaclaustrophobia

Who's the bane of Santa's life? The elf and safety officer.

What lies in a pram and wobbles? A jelly baby.

What do vampires sing on New Year's Eve? Auld Fang Syne.

What do you call a crazy golfer? A crack put.

What do you call a blind dinosaur? A doyouthinkhesawus.

What's the fastest thing in water? A motor pike.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be **Tuesday February 2nd 2016** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Graham Standen (5th), Roger Ibbott (6th), Ivan Pearson (10th), Charles Thomas (11th), Bernard Knight (13th), John Honeysett (18TH), Wayne Wallace (18th), Ron Martin (21st), David Edwards (21st), John Brodribb (26th) and Michael Hannon (30th).

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