

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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

President Brian's Christmas Message

My time as President of your club has been made an easy and rewarding experience due to the cooperative, friendly, supportive culture in evidence at every club function. This is a feeling that so many people encounter only at such times as Christmas when there is an opportunity to more deeply examine one's relationships with family and with friends. We are lucky to have to have the support of so many of our friends on a regular basis during the year. I encourage all members to maximize their involvement in the club and thus to extend their enjoyment through participation and so continue to experience a longer Christmas period. I wish you and yours a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to 2017.



REPORT ON NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING



Our guest for the November meeting was Tasmania's Police Commissioner Darren Hine (shown here with President Brian). Darren gave a warmly received talk giving members an insight into, and confidence in, the Tasmanian Police Force and its current leadership. The members' many questions were answered in a direct and engaging manner and left the group with a clear understanding of the challenges facing, and directions of, our constabulary.

Today's Business.... Good company and Enjoyment!

Finance: Balance at CBA at September 30th was \$4604.24.

Membership: After the October meeting the Club had 114 members (inc. 2 Bulletin only)

Reports of recent activities:

Luncheon Group: Our final lunch for 2016 was held at the DSS on the waterfront in Sandy Bay and as usual the nineteen members who attended had a great time swapping yarns and telling jokes with a good deal of bragging thrown in.

Photography: In November we reviewed a wide selection of photos from our Kettering photo shoot & the recent visit of the British sailing ship SV Tenacious.

Outings: Blundstone Arena.

On Tuesday the 22nd of November 14 Members and one of their wives spent a couple of hours touring through the various areas of Blundstone Arena. Firstly we were invited to view the items on display in the Arena's museum. This proved to be extremely interesting particularly when various drawers and doors were opened as we were allowed to do. We were called to order and, after being told we could return later, then proceeded to the Members area. Once again a bit of an eye-opener for those not used to attending events at the arena. From here we were taken to the TV and press areas to see behind the scenes of what happens when these are live. From there we saw areas used by cricket teams, both visiting and local, the function areas that potentially hold 600 people but can be divided into two separate areas, the indoor training area that is set up with cricket nets and the changing areas for two visiting VFL teams. Then most of the attendees had an enjoyable lunch at the Plumb cafe which concluded a most successful morning. Ian Eadie.

I. T.: We welcomed Bob Cooper from Claremont Probus to our meeting on 24th Nov in a desire to share our experience and assist in their IT group delivery. The app Google Photos was explored and its various uses highlighted. This new app will no doubt be further enhanced and has some unique features.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison 62278904)

Our Guest Speaker in February will be our own Ian Lewis who will talk, in his inimitable way, about Muslim medicine. No to be missed!

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

The proposed Outings for 2016 are as follows.

Jan Tues 24th HANSEN'S ORCHARDS

On Tuesday the 24th of January a visit to Willie Smith's museum and restaurant and the Hansen Orchards has been arranged. We will meet at Willie Smith's (on the Grove straight) at 12 noon for lunch and a short viewing of their museum and then move on to Hansen's Orchards for a tour of their operation, timed to start at 2.00pm. Transport is by private car so please do car-share where appropriate. Lunch will be "a la carte" so lodge your order whenever convenient to you. The list circulated at the November meeting will be re-circulated today. Feel free to add your name(s) or delete if you wish. Any queries should be directed to David Brammall.

Feb Tue 28th Waterworks BBQ. Gordon Goward

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
Partners, relatives and friends are welcome on our Outings unless otherwise specified.

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)

Our next regular lunch is set for February 16 2017 and information will be available early in February.

But wait, Trevor Abbott has also organised a lunch at the Cascade Hotel on January 19th 12noon for 12.30 so contact Trevor on 6227 8018 if you would like to go along.

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.

National Shingles Vaccination Program

Shingles vaccine is provided free for people aged 70 years under the [National Immunisation Program](#). There is also a five year catch-up program for people aged 71 – 79 years until 31 October 2021. To receive the immunisation visit your local doctor or vaccination provider. It is important to note that although the vaccine is provided at no cost, a consultation fee may apply. Routine vaccination of persons aged 70–79 years will obtain the greatest benefits against shingles and its complications.

It's Christmas!

"A dog is for life, not just for Christmas. So be careful at the office Christmas party." Jimmy Carr

"The one thing women don't want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning is their husband." Joan Rivers

"If your pudding is loaded with coins and thimbles then be sure to tell your guests. One year I forgot to mention it and our Vera ended up in casualty. They found a watch, two holy medals and £2.10s.6d in used change in her stomach." Lily Savage

"I once bought my kids batteries for Christmas with a note saying, toys not included." Bernard Manning

"I saw a guy driving down Hollywood Boulevard with a tree on his bumper and I said: 'Getting ready for Christmas?' He said: 'No, teaching the wife how to drive.'" Bob Hope

"At the office party you're supposed to sit naked on top of the photocopier, not the shredder." David Letterman

"We're approaching the moment when Grandad's had too much to drink. We don't call him Grandad, we call him Alcopops." Jimmy Carr

"Roses are reddish, violets are bluish, if it wasn't for Christmas, we'd all be Jewish." Benny Hill

"Christmas is a time for remembering. So that's me f***ed." Ozzy Osbourne

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **Tuesday February 7th** 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), John Brodribb (26th) and Michael Hannon (30th).

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

