

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
“Explore, Enjoy, Experience together”

Grace today will be said by **Tom Vincent**



Report on November Meeting

Professor Peter Boyce again gave us all much to think about in respect of the situation of various countries in the Middle East and their allegiances and points of fundamental differences. We were both enlightened and confused by the multitude of factors that impact on the current state of affairs. The large number of attendees was most appreciative of his talk as attested by the questions which followed.



President's Christmas Message

Dear fellow members,

As the festive season rapidly approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your friendship and support during my Presidential year. I have enjoyed being given the chance to be involved with some of the many activities that we offer to our members and would encourage you all to participate where you can.

At this time of year many of our members are travelling overseas and interstate, to the beach or the countryside, cruising or camping, driving or just relaxing at home after a busy year. Enjoy! I wish you all the very best over this festive holiday period and hope that you are able to spend time with your family and friends and reflect fondly on the events of the year. Keep safe and I look forward to meeting you all again in the newyear.

Merry Christmas

Carl Lawton

President.

Christmas Ham

The following recipe has been shared by one of our older members who absolutely swears by it as a delicious addition to the festive fare.

Score the ham in diamond pattern, place a clove in each join.

Cover the ham in honey and place in baking dish with cider.

Bake for 90 minutes. 180 C.

All quantities approximate and baking at best judgment of cook.

The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas is not irreligious. The first letter of the word Christ in Greek is chi, which is identical to our X. Xmas was originally an ecclesiastical abbreviation that was used in tables and charts. In the early days of printing, when font sizes were limited and type was set by hand, abbreviations and ditto marks were used liberally. Xmas came into general use from the church.

Club Committee Elections 2018

All committee positions on the executive are open for people to apply. Nomination forms are available from Secretary John for people who are interested. Members are strongly encouraged to take an active part in the management and activities of the club.

Last Month's Activities Report

InfoTech Group

Members were intrigued by the operation of a small Bluetooth connected robotic toy that aids in the development and understanding of robotic control and the capacity of even very young children to learn computer coding. We older folk found it fun as well. John Brodribb gave us greater understanding of the developments in hearing assistance aids.

We again failed to come up with solutions to problems with NBN related issues with phones and internet but had a good time griping about it.

By the figures: 1 in 10 Christmas presents will be broken by the New Year, and 7 in 10 dogs will be given Christmas presents from their owners.

It is estimated that 400,000 people become sick each year from eating tainted Christmas leftovers.

Men's Luncheon Group



The final lunch for the group in 2017 was held at Don Camillo Restaurant and they provided an excellent Italian lunch in convivial surroundings. The staff were enthusiastic and contributed to the enjoyment of the meal. Our thanks to Geoff Medhurst for his organisation on this and other occasions during the year.

Outings

The trip to Tasman Peninsula was enjoyed by about 30 participants. The visit to the Copping landfill and C cell facility was surprisingly interesting and instructive. As this is not open to the public we were pleased with the opportunity given us. Lunch at Dunalley and an enlightening visit to the Cascades Convict site at Koonya completed a full day. Thanks to Ian Eadie and Bob Pratt for this addition to the club's activities this year.



December 26 was traditionally known as St. Stephen's Day, but is more commonly known as Boxing Day. This expression came about because money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season. This money was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Welfare (*Robin Holmes 62459326*)

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.

Warblers (*Bob Brewster 62251964*)

The Warblers meet in the SBBC Clubrooms at **10:00a.m.** on the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month.** Extra voices are always welcome.

Aquarobics (*Ian Miller 2252560*)

This enthusiastic group meet at the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre each Friday at 7.45 am for exercise and fellowship. Coffee and nibbles follow in the cafe. The group continues during January and welcomes casual participants should you wish to join on an occasional basis.

InfoTech Group (*Brian Butler 62494939*)

In recess until the 4th Monday in February (26/2/2018)

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **February 6th, 2018.**

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

December 5th Graeme Standen 6th Roger Ibbott 10th Robert Brand and Ivan Pearson 11th Charles Thomas 13th Bernard Knight 18th John Honeysett and Wayne Wallace 21st Ron Martin 26th John Brodribb 30th Michael Hannon

January 3rd Rob Irvine and Eric Middleton 4th Bill Docking 12 Dan McNeill 14th Ted Best 17th Robin Holmes 18th Brian Sims 30th Myles Foster

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