



# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

## THE BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT ROBIN'S THEME "Enjoyment Through Participation"

**Helen and I wish all members and your families a very happy and enjoyable Christmas and may 2015 bring you good health and safekeeping and much enjoyment through participation.**

***President Robin***

"Enjoyment Through Participation" – Join In



### PRESIDENT 2016

Would you like to lead this great Club in 2016, or do you know a Member who you consider would lead this Club well. If so, please arrange Nomination by February 2015 meeting for Vice President 2015. I have found the President's position to be personally rewarding and really not that arduous. Contact me in strictest confidence if you wish to discuss. It is also appropriate to mention that if any Club Committee position is to become vacant or to which you would aspire, nomination forms can be obtained from the Club Secretary, Carl and should be completed and in to Secretary Carl by the February 2015 meeting.

*President Robin*

*Membership and Attendance as at November 2014 meeting – Greeter Gordon Dowl at work!!!*



<i>Membership</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Apologies</i>	<i>Inductees</i>	<i>Resignations</i>	<i>Guests</i>
<i>115 plus 2 Bulletin only members</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>

*New Members...*



*Malcolm Miles with Ted Best*

*Bernard Knight with Lewis Hamnett*

*Finance Report \$\$\$\$ .....No updated Report from last month.*

<b>Balances</b>	<b>31/10/2014</b>	<b>30/09/2014</b>	<b>31/08/2014</b>	<b>31/07/2014</b>
CBA	TBA	5906.95	5978.59	6089.49
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>5906.95</b>	<b>5978.59</b>	<b>6089.49</b>

*Guest Speaker November 2014 Meeting Mr Harry Quick.*

Brief resume: Teacher with Tas Ed Dept for 23 years, adviser to Federal Justice Minister for 5 years, Federal Member for Franklin for 15 years. Now retired but on State Executive of Scouts Tasmania and volunteer driver for St John Ambulance. Has been a frequent visitor to China since 2001; 26 trips so far. Talk: "China and its people" the real story!!

And what a story! The scale of life in China, as described by our Guest Speaker is almost incomprehensible to Tasmanians with our relatively small population. Harry's talk was both informative and thought provoking, as evidenced by the lively question time which followed.

A vote of thanks was moved by Brian Butler and carried unanimously and enthusiastically in the normal manner. Harry was presented with a small token of appreciation.



*Guest Speaker ( Co-ordinator -Bernard Knight - 0419896693)*

### *ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Remember President Robin's theme) "Enjoyment through Participation"*

#### **Luncheon Group... Geoff Medhurst (6225 4333)**

Our Finale for the year was held at the DSS where 16 avid diners enjoyed roast beef (sans gravy which was a pity) whilst others tucked into good old flathead and chips. A very pleasant afternoon made especially enjoyable by the company who attended.

I want to offer a special thank you to all who supported our group through the year and in particular I want to thank Bob Stagg for very ably taking over during my absences

Please join us for some more gastrological delights in 2015.

#### **Penitentiary Chapel Tour & Ocean Child Lunch ....Bob Pratt (6225 2317)**

On Tuesday 25th Nov 16 members and wives went on a guided tour of the Penitentiary Chapel followed by a very enjoyable lunch at the Ocean Child Hotel. As one of our members stated " This was an excellent visit to finish 2014 on." I agree. We all learnt a great deal about life in early Hobart and the evolution of the justice system from the Colonial Penal System of 1831 up to 1975. It was the site of the Hobart Gaol until 1963 when the last female prisoner was transferred to the new gaol at Risdon. It was the site of the Supreme Court until 1975.

Jeff our guide was excellent. I would like to thank Alan Hargreaves for suggesting the Penitentiary Chapel as worthy of a visit, it certainly was. **Refer to page 8 for some photos of the Tour.** Bob Pratt organiser

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

The 17 November MONA photo shoot excursion had nine participants on a day of wind & showers that encouraged us to stay well inside. Low light levels & many other visitors challenged our efforts. An instructive day for all.

### CLUB ACTIVITIES and UPCOMING EVENTS

**Outings** (Bob Pratt 6225 2317)

[Luncheon Group \(Geoff Medhurst – phone 0418 136 618 or \[gmedhurst@gmail.com\]\(mailto:gmedhurst@gmail.com\)\)](#)

Our luncheon group goes into recess for January however action again commences on February 12 at a venue to be announced in the Bulletin and by email.

**[Outings \(Bob Pratt – phone 6225 2317 or \[bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com\]\(mailto:bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com\)\)](#)**

Proposed Outings for 2015

Feb Tue 24 Waterworks BBQ. Gordon Goward  
Mar Tue 17 Woodbridge Marine Centre. Peter Johnstone  
Apr Tue 21 Bruny Island Bus Trip. David Brammall  
May Tue 21 Aurora Antarctic Supply Ship Tour. Bob Pratt  
Jun Tue 16 Ausmas Best Western Balmoral Inn. Bob Pratt  
Jul Tue 21 Collegiate School Organ Trevor Wilcox  
Aug Tue 18 Hobart Airport Visit. David Brammall  
Sep Tue 15 Historic Country Homes Bus Tour. Hamish Kyle  
Oct Tue 20 Norske Skog Visit. John Brodribb  
Nov Tue 17 Richmond Area Tour. Geoff Medhurst

More details will be provided as arrangements are firmed up. Please remember partners, relatives and friends are welcome on our Outings

**[Photography \(John Brodribb 6225 0897\)](#)**

No Probus Photography Group activities are planned for December & January. Forthcoming holiday events & other commitments will see us deviate from the usual third Monday of the month for our meetings in February & March as advised below:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.30 am. Photo shoot of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, meeting outside Mures, adjacent to Constitution Dock.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 10.30 am. Photography review at our home, 4 Hatton Gardens Sandy Bay, of our MONA, Wooden Boat Festival & holiday season photo results

**[Vanners and fellow travellers!! - David Brammall - phone 6225 1273 or \[david.brammall@bigpond.com\]\(mailto:david.brammall@bigpond.com\)](#)**

**[Vanners and Cabin Dwellers etc](#)**



All Probians are advised that our annual visit to White Beach Tourist Park is scheduled for next year from Monday, 9 February 2015 to Wednesday, 18 February 2015. Probians are invited to join us in their vans or hire a cabin at the Park for all or part of that time - bring your kayaks, boats etc. Ring the Park (Vikki and Tony) on 6250 2142 if you wish to make a booking. Say that you are part of the Hobart Probus party. If you have any queries ask David Brammall (6225 1273)

**Planned Outings for your DIARY to start the Year!!**



Tuesday 9 December 2014-Christmas function ...University Club...Bernard Knight 0419 896 693

Thursday 25 December 2014 – Christmas Day...Happy Christmas to all...Santa...phone no.???

Monday 9 February 2015 – Photo shoot of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival ....John Brodribb 6225 0897

Monday 10 February 2015- Vanners to White Beach ...David Brammall 6225 1273

Tuesday 24 February 2015 – Waterworks BBQ – Gordon Goward 6225 4914

**Aquarobics (Athol Wilkes 6224 1673)**

Why not join the group for a dip, some serious but fun exercise and morning tea/coffee at the Hobart Aquatic Centre at **7.45a.m. every Friday**. Members and partners are welcome....

The ladies never get their hair wet and everyone held up their hands when Santa asked who had been good this year.

Please note how healthy they all are, even when not swimming!!!(How did the photographer get into the picture??)



**Warblers (Bob Brewster 6225 3402)**



The Warblers meet at **10:00a.m.** at the **Sandy Bay Bowls Club** on the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month**. Extra voices are always welcome. It is not necessary to sing in tune???

**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.





Members are requested to contact Terry if they are aware of any member who is ill, in hospital, or otherwise indisposed and either the member and/or his family may be in need of assistance.

## Melbourne Cup Sweeps

Thanks to those who organised the four Sweeps and congratulations to those who won. Now who can remember who won the “Race that stops a Nation”?

### BIRTHDAYS for December 2014

Congratulations and many happy returns



				Other Famous (or Infamous) People	
December	2	Lawton	Carl	Maria Callas	Opera Singer
	10	Pearson	Ivan	Dan Blocker	Actor – Hoss in Bonanza
	11	Thomas	Charles	David Brewster	Invented kaleidoscope
	13	Knight	Bernard	Ben Bernacke	US Federal Reserve
	18	Honeysett	Wayne	Andrew Thomas	Australian Astronaut
	18	Wallace	Wayne	Betty Grable	US Film Actress
	21	Martin	Ron	Jack Russell	Dog Breeder
	21	Edwards	David	John Russell	Dog Breeder
	26	Brodribb	John	Mao Tse Tung	Chinese President
	30	Hannon	Michael	Titus	Roman Emperor

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

**--NEXT MEETING--**

**The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be the normal Club meeting at 10am on Tuesday, 3 February 2015 at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club**

AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE.....

**FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY, AS WELL AS THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF ENGLISH:**

**WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?**

**IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR SYNONYM?**

**IF A PARSLEY FARMER IS SUED, CAN THEY GARNISH HIS WAGES?**

**WOULD A FLY WITHOUT WINGS BE CALLED A WALK?**

**WHY DO THEY LOCK GAS STATION TOILETS? ARE THEY AFRAID SOMEONE WILL BREAK-IN AND CLEAN THEM?**

**WHAT WAS THE BEST THING BEFORE SLICED BREAD?**

**ONE NICE THING ABOUT EGOTISTS: THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.**

**HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CIVIL WAR?**

**IF ONE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER DROWNS, DO THE REST DROWN TOO?**

**IF YOU TRY TO FAIL, AND SUCCEED, WHICH HAVE YOU DONE?**

**WHY IS THERE AN EXPIRATION DATE ON SOUR CREAM?**

**IF YOU SPIN AN ORIENTAL MAN IN A CIRCLE THREE TIMES, DOES HE BECOME DISORIENTED?**

**CAN AN ATHEIST GET INSURANCE AGAINST ACTS OF GOD?**

**WHY DO SHOPS HAVE SIGNS, 'GUIDE DOGS ONLY', THE DOGS CAN'T READ AND THEIR OWNERS ARE BLIND?**

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**Some photos from the Hobart Penitentiary Outing**

1. The Chapel as originally completed.
2. The convicts' entrance from the muster yard 1831.
3. Part of the Chapel which later served as the Supreme Court until 1973.
4. The remaining section of the original Chapel.
5. The 1835 Tower at the free settlers entrance.



The editor and staff (?) wish everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.