
HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

"Be involved, be inclusive"

Today's Greeter is Neil Blaikie.

REPORT ON FEBRUARY MEETING



February's guest speaker, our very own member Tony Hope, spoke about his recently published book "Personal Experiences of Those Who Served in World War II". As always Tony's presentation was enjoyable and stimulating.

Today's Business The AGM.

Finance: Gross receipts during the 2015 year were \$17,082.04 & Payments \$16,168.78. Receipts included prepaid 2016 Derwent Valley Trip of \$1,110.00 which resulted in a loss of \$196.74 for the year. The Auditor has confirmed that the rules relating to the funds have been observed.

Reports of recent activities:

Luncheon Group: (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333): Our first lunch for the year was held at the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club and enjoyed by 20 of our members who, judging by the peals of laughter and animated conversation all had a good time. . The day was fine and sunny and the delicious meal the hit of the day.

Outings: (Bob Pratt): Our Annual Water Works BBQ Tues 23rd Feb. Arranged by Gordon Goward. Passing observers may well have been intrigued as they observed our members and friends at Waterworks Site 9 on February 23. Boisterous? Disorderly? Certainly not!

A religious silence reigned! Heads down, signs of perplexment, slight frowns.

We could have been mistaken for a devout community in prayer. Or had there been a distressful argument followed by voiceless ill will?

No, it was our Probus World Crossword Championship being played out. Steaks and the odd red red had been happily ingested - but now concentration was of critical importance.

Expectation swelled as Vice President Brian Butler stepped forward to present the certificates and wine. Congratulations to Probus World Crossword Champion Gordon Dowl and Champion Female, Coral Goward,



A happy Probus and friends group at Stewarts Bay February 15th.

Vanners: (David Brammall): White Beach Sojourn

Our holiday at White Beach was again a resounding success. For the first week we were blessed with glorious weather- the best ever. We had 24 at our special dinner at “Lucky Ducks” on the Friday night where we were again spoilt by our hosts, Grant and Kelly. Our now traditional morning tea at Trevor and Judy Wilcox’s holiday home at Stewart’s Bay attracted 20 grateful attendees, including our vice-president Brian and his wife “Stanny”.

Our latest recruit to the “Vanners” group, Garry Southwell and wife Margaret, enhanced our stay not only by their presence but also by bringing with them their half cabin cruiser which Garry generously used from time to time to take many of us out fishing. We also had our usual battery of kayaks (7 this year) most of whom engaged in daily fishing and vigorous paddling. John Brodribb also organised being a part of a” Pennicott” boat tour of Tasman Island and the adjoining coast for those who hadn’t previously done it.

The walks and “Happy Hour” of course remained an integral part of our activities as well as our communal eating each evening.

In all a great time was, we hope, had by all.

Photography: (John Brodribb): In February we visited the Botanical Gardens on an overcast drizzly day & focused our attention on a great display of sunflowers in the open garden beds & then practiced our macro photography skills on the delicate flowers in the conservatory. An interesting challenge.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

Our lunch for March has been booked at the delightful Blue Eye restaurant at 1 Castray Esplanade right opposite Princes Wharf. Blue Eye has been a favourite in the past and the standard is just as high as ever. We will feast on two courses with a choice of three dishes per course, accompanied as ever with a glass of wine. The date is Thursday March 10 and we will gather from 12 noon. Parking suggestions will be given at the meeting.

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

The proposed Outings for 2016 are as follows.

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

This Outing is still on in spite of the Oyster Farm being affected by the POMS virus.

We will not come into contact with the virus!!

Our regular bus company is proving elusive but Hamish will prevail.

More information will be given at the Probus Meeting and via email.

Apr Tue 19th Franklin Factory visit and lunch at Grand Hotel Huonville. Ian Edie.

May Tue 17th Visit Orphanage School and optional lunch at Cooley's Hotel. Bob Pratt.

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.

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

Monday 21 March 2016, meeting at 10 am at 4 Hatton Gardens Sandy Bay is the review of our Botanical Gardens photo shoot activity, along with a discussion of items of photographic interest.

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)

March 7th will be our next gathering at SBBC.

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on
Tuesday April 5th at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Roger Barratt (1st), John Sharman (4th), Vic Farquhar (7th), Tom Vincent (8th), Bert Purnell (10th), Leslie Phillips (12th), Stuart Cripps (17th), Lawrence Dillon (18th), Tom Kirkland (21st), George Norris (24th), John Coutts (29th), Brian Butler (31st).

LAST WORD

I thought these were very fitting random thoughts for some of the older folk we all know.

I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!

When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment ... now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

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