

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR:
'Enjoyment Through Participation'

Meet our new President: Robin Holmes

Robin retired in 2006 after 45 years in senior management roles in large public and private companies throughout Australia. Robin relocated to Tasmania from Melbourne in 1988. For 11 years preceding his retirement he was General Manager of Tasmanian Redline Coaches. Robin was also a Director of RACT for 12 years. He has been married to Helen for 48 years with two married daughters and three grandchildren. Robin was, and Helen continues to be, involved in Rotary International, both being past Presidents of their Clubs and past Assistant Governors.



REPORT ON MARCH 2014 MEETING

Membership: Eighty-one members were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership was currently 119, including two Bulletin-only members. One new member's application was accepted by the Committee. Brian Gallagher OAM was inducted into the Club by President Ted.

Finance: Balance at Tas. Perpetual at 28/02/14 1125.96
Balance at CBA at 28/02/14 2674.95
Total as at 28/02/14 3800.91

Guest Speaker: March's guest speaker was our own inimitable Ian Lewis, who spoke on 'Demon Drink'. We learned that beer originated in 6000 BC in Babylon and came in 16 varieties. Most of the ancient empires knew how to prepare the different types of alcoholic beverages such as wine, cider, mead, whisky, vodka and brandy just to name a few. Their usage and names were in many instances linked to religious festivals.

Whilst some alcoholic drinks have a positive side to them, if drunk in moderation - they have no place whilst driving or in the workplace, because of their impact on road and work safety. Last but not least, Ian spoke of the impact of alcohol on our health, our family life and on personal relationships. Governments spend a large amount of money on rehabilitation and hospital care of those negatively affected,

which could be better spent in other areas if the problem could be reduced successfully. (Peter Voss)

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Luncheon Group: The view of our city from the Eastern shore is one rarely appreciated by many of those from the west, however with the sun shining and a full glass in hand the Bellerive Yacht Club proved to be a magnificent venue. We had a full choice from the menu and the fare was very tasty indeed. Our number was 19 and all agreed that our March luncheon was a great success.

Outings: Our BBQ on March 18 at the Waterworks to seek the World Probus Champion Rissole Maker was one of our best, with the production of many fine ball-like objects that were both highly flavoursome and supremely gustable. World Champion Trevor Willcox accepted his certificate with humility, with the Highly Commended David Brammall being successfully restrained from making a speech on acceptance of his trophy. An outstanding rissole fashioned by Mrs Noel Brodribb won an Honourable Mention for the Ladies' Prize.

Bob Pratt had scoured the country for a Tasting Judge of acceptable quality and happily succeeded in finding Chris Williams (a chef) who really was excellent and just happened to live next door.

It was a great day – Gordon Goward

Photography: 17 March saw 5 members meet outside the Ferntree Tavern before most ventured up Mt Wellington to the area of the old "Springs Hotel" for a photo shoot in weather that varied from sunny to misting rain. Coffee at the Ferntree Tavern concluded a pleasant morning's activity.

Bowls: Very enjoyable events at Sandy Bay and Orford. Success at Orford and great hospitality!

CLUB ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker (Bernard Knight 62310562)

Today's guest speaker is Paul Austen, Director of the Tasmanian Institute of Sport. Paul's topic is "The value of Elite Sport".

Entertainment (Trevor Wilcox 0428253794)

Sixteen members/partners attended "A Little Night Music" at the Play House on Friday, March 14. The degree to which people enjoyed the show ranged from "a bit" to "greatly".

Carl Lawton has all the arrangements and tickets in hand for Gold (Abba Show). A sheet will be circulated today for expressions of interest in The Talented Mr Ripley, which will be performed at the Play House on Friday, May 30. The cost will be \$24.50 per head. Confirmation and payment at the May meeting.

Outings (Bob Pratt 6225 2317)

Tues. 15th April. Margate area with a visit to the Men's Shed and the Heritage Museum. This will be a great opportunity to see what can be achieved by people committed to helping others in our community. Also a reminder of what a vibrant area the Channel Area once was. 10 am meet at the Men's Shed situated at the Margate War Memorial Sports Ground, corner of Morey Road and Channel Highway. An optional lunch will be available at the Kettering Hotel just 20 minutes away. Visit organiser – Peter Johnstone 6267 4990

Other Planned Outings

May Thurs/Fri, 1st & 2nd - Agfest (David Brammall)

June Tues 24th – Ausmas at Best Western Balmoral (Bob Pratt)

July Tues 15th – Wine Tasting (Geoff. Medhurst)

Aug Tues 19th – Police / Fire Station

Sep Tues 16th – Recycling Plant / Incat / Life Rafts (Hamish Kyle)

Oct Tues 21st – Tas. Museum & Art Gallery (Peter Voss)

Nov Tue 25th – Norske Skog (John Brodribb)

Agfest (David Brammall 6225 1273)

Agfest tour: (Thursday and Friday the 1st and 2nd of May)

Fellow travellers are advised that our bus is picking us up at 8.30 in Margaret St. outside the Southern gate of the Bowls Club. I imagine that members could leave their cars in the Club car park if need be. Morning tea at Bothwell, Lunch at Longford and Dinner at Deloraine. We leave Deloraine for Carrick(Agfest) at 9.00 AM on Friday and then depart there shortly after 2.00 PM. We should be in Hobart by 5.30 ish?

Remember that we pay our own way into Agfest and buy our own lunch. Apart from that all else on the itinerary is covered by the fare. It might be an idea to pack gum boots and raincoats or equivalent in case of wet weather.

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

In April we will continue our exploration of Hobart's clubs and in keeping with the yachting theme we are booked into the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club where we can look forward to an excellent two course lunch with a glass of wine for just \$30. Expect a lovely river frontage plenty of parking and a lot of good cheer. The date is Thursday April 10 and the bar will welcome us from 12 noon. Book your place today or by contacting Geoff on 0418 136 618 or gcmehurst@gmail.com

Photography (John Brodribb 6224 0897)

Monday 28 April (not Easter Monday 21 April) at 10.30 am is planned as a photo review of our Mt Wellington & other photo excursions at the home of John Brodribb – 6225 0897. All welcome.

Swimmers (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 **8:00a.m. every Friday**. Members and partners are welcome.

Warblers (Keith Bailey 6223 8310)

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.

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 6th May** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Glenn Pearce (1st), Harry Stanton (28th), Peter Hendrie (29th), Fred Heather (May 2nd) and John Linton (May 3rd).

VALE: Past members Rudi Thomas and John Rabbidge who passed away in March.

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