

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR:

“Be involved, be inclusive”

Meet our new President: Bernard Knight.

Bernard enjoyed a long career as a senior and respected educator serving as Principal of a number of primary schools and spending 14 years as Manager of the Bowen Support Service. He then moved into student disability services before retiring in 2011.

Bernard has complemented work with a wide-ranging involvement in sport and sports administration. He was State Director of Cricket Umpiring and President of the Clarence Club, a state hockey representative and more recently a very active bowler and committee member with the Sandy Bay and Howrah clubs



REPORT ON March 2015 MEETING

Membership: Seventy-two members were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership is currently 120, including eight non-active members. There was one resignation and one new member induction.

Finance: Thank you to all those members who have paid their subscription by Direct Debit to the Club's Bank A/c.

This has saved a lot of time writing receipts during the morning tea break. Bank details below for those wishing to use this facility.

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Business: March was the Annual General meeting.



President Robin enjoys his last meeting in the chair while President-elect Bernard delivers his inaugural address.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS



Luncheon Group:

There is an old saying that *beauty is in the eye of the beerholder* and so it was at the Tasmanian Golf Club as we enjoyed a pre lunch tippie. The greens and fairways were the hue of Ireland, the day was bright and sunny and golfers provided entertainment. We enjoyed a wide menu choice, the food was delicious and we were able to toast Colin Wendell Smith on his birthday.

Outings: On the 18th March the Club outing was to the Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre. Members met at the Centre on Wednesday and were greeted by the Co-ordinator Claire Blichfield, and guided to the tutorial room. A brief history of the Centre, screen presentation of marine specimens including a bottom feeding shark grinding some fish bait off a wire device was given by Claire.

Members were invited to tour the Centre to view display tanks and a prominent attraction being an in-house pool containing live fish. At this point a bus arrived with a team of primary school pupils; strangely, our members faded away and drifted out to the pier and boarded the vessel Penghana.

Under the watchful gaze of Claire and the Master of Penghana Ian Johnstone (of Wooden Boat Festival fame) we were welcomed aboard to commence research activities. A smooth voyage out to a deep part of the Channel and with the aid of a colour sounder brought us somewhere central to Snake Island, Solders Point and Green Island.

Research equipment on hand made it possible, to view the sea bed through an underwater lens and screen on deck, set a long line with shark clips and generous amount of bait, (there were 13 baits set, one for each member). The catch was a sole Flathead which was offered to a pair of Sea Eagles who did not show any interest. Further, a dredge was deployed and eventually brought up specimens from the sea floor.

The morning was completed with a visit to the Kettering Hotel for lunch which was expertly presented to the members. Peter Johnstone, Organiser.

Photography: Our March activity was a meeting to review the photo shoot efforts of our MONA & Australian Wooden Boat Festival excursions. Darrell Milbourne, although absent interstate, provided us with a series of MONA photographs edited with Photodex software that displayed on a TV screen in an attractive continuing series. Others presented the results of their efforts.

Peter Calvert, a recent participant, overwhelmed us with his display of photos of animals, people & landscape in a holiday journey through Africa. Peter outlined his passion in photography, resulting in an invitation for us to inspect the facilities he uses at his home as our next meeting activity.

Bowls (Bill Mottershead): On Monday 16th March 24 bowlers went to Orford for the annual bowls day with Orford Bowls Club. The weather was magnificent and on arrival we were greeted with the usual country hospitality and morning tea to get the day under way. We then played 12 ends of bowls on the rather tricky Orford synthetic green and although difficult for those used to grass greens we all had a most enjoyable time and some good bowls were put down. Orford were able to raise 20 of their members for the day so we had a full green of players. A couple of our players played with Orford to balance the teams (and helped Orford over the line).

A BBQ followed and the Orford members certainly put on a marvellous spread of salads and desserts to compliment the various BBQ meats we provided ourselves. After a thoroughly good day Orford won back the Perpetual Trophy by 3 ½ rinks to 2 ½ rinks and by a margin of 20 shots (for those who know bowling parlance). President Bernard Knight thanked Graham Hickey & Lawrie Swale and the Orford bowlers for a great day and the terrific hospitality we received and duly presented the trophy to Graham.

We originally played alternately at Orford and Sandy Bay and we may revert to this in the future if it suits although I am sure our members are more than happy to keep it at Orford such is the day out we all had.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker (Graham Sargison 62278904)

“**Tasmania Over Five Generations.**”

Today’s speaker John Biggs is a fifth generation Tasmanian but he left Tassie after graduating from UTAS many years ago. He spent his professional life outside Tasmania. He retired from Hong Kong University, to return to his birthplace in order to write. He has published five novels and a collection of short stories. The topic of his talk is based on his *Tasmania Over Five Generations*, a social-political history of Tasmania as seen through the eyes of five generations of the Biggs family. Their stories therefore tell us about the Tasmania in which each lived, ending with the Tasmania he found after 40 years abroad. He *discovers* that the Tasmania his great-great-grandfather Abraham inhabited in the 1830s has surprising similarities to the Tasmania John inhabits today.

Outings (Bob Pratt 6225 231700)

David Brammall: Bruny Island trip on Tuesday 21st April

Depart at 8.00am by bus. Morning tea at own expense at the Kettering Ferry Terminal before boarding. Once off the Ferry we travel to Bruny Island Cheese for tasting then to the Neck and the Adventure Bay lookout and from there on to the Bligh Museum.

We will lunch at the Bruny Island Hotel at Alonnah. From there we stop at Hiba (time permitting) for Fudge purchase and then on to catch the 4.30 Ferry.

We should arrive back at the Bowls Club by 5.30 p.m.

The cost will be \$61.50. This covers the Coach Hire, Ferry fee, Cheese Tasting, Bligh Museum and lunch.

May Tue 12 Bus tour around a series of interesting Tasmanian farm properties and a BBQ lunch at Lovely Banks. Hamish Kyle

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 Aurora Antarctic Supply Ship Tour. Athol Wilkes

Oct Tue 20 Norske Skog Visit. John Brodribb

Nov Tue 17 Richmond Area Tour. Geoff Medhurst

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

Our next lunch will be something special with thanks to Charles Thomas for bagging a wonderful deal. The venue will be The Coterie at Coal Valley, a fine restaurant where in all directions the vision is of fruit laden vines. We can expect a choice from four imaginative main courses with a glass of quality wine and rounded off with a cup of fresh brewed coffee all for \$30... The date is Thursday April 16 and we meet from 12 noon. The venue is on the right hand side of Richmond Road about 4 km from Cambridge and the entry road is well sign posted. Get your name on the register today or call or email

Photography (John Brodribb 6224 0897)

11 am on Monday 13 April is our opportunity to visit the home of Peter Calvert at 14 Kingsley Avenue Sandy Bay to inspect the photo processing facilities he uses to produce the magnificent photos he recently displayed to our group.

Swimmers (Athol Wilkes 6224 1673)

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.

Warblers (Lil Stevenson 6225 3349)

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

IT group (Brian Butler 62494939)

First meeting: Monday 13 April 10:00 - 11:30:12:00 am Top meeting room, Sandy Bay Bowls Club. It's all about sharing the knowledge we have and helping to maximize the use made of technology to enhance our daily lives. It will need those with some knowledge/experience being prepared to share with others and a willingness of all to embrace new technology. Topics?:

- Smart phones - trying to help make the best use of them. Prepaid or plan? Data packs. Apps.
- iPad/tablet usage. Settings. Email. Photos. Internet. Apps.
- Apps - who finds what apps to be useful and how to use them
- Emerging technologies - NBN, Netflix, Stan, Presto. Wearable devices. Internet enabled home devices (lights, fridges, TV, door locks, ovens ...). Connected cars.
- The developing use of personal devices for health monitoring/reporting.
- Home shopping. Banking

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 May 5th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Brian Butler (March 31), Glenn Pearce (1st), Malcolm Miles (11th), Harry Stanton (28th), Peter Hendrie (29th) and Richard Hurn (29th).

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