

# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**"Unity in our Diversity"**

Today's Greeter is David Back

## REPORT ON MARCH MEETING



At the AGM on March 1st President Bernard Knight passed the Chain of Office to Brian Butler to conclude a very successful year in office. Incoming President Brian had this to say to members:  
Thank you for the honour and the challenge of the presidency. The Board and I will do our best to ensure the vitality and health of this Probust Club.

### President Brian's Theme: *Unity in our diversity*

Since I have attended meetings of our club and participated in various functions organised for the enjoyment and education of members I have been struck by:

1. Unity – the pleasant, cooperative nature of our gatherings with the warm interactions evident
2. Diversity – the wide range of life experiences covered by our members. An invaluable resource and opportunity for discussions and learning.
3. Size of our meetings with generally over 80 attending.

In 2016/17 I hope to have more opportunities in our meetings for us to get to know each other more fully. This group has eminent members with much to share. It is my hope that Graham Sargison, as organiser of our guest speakers, can help structure some meetings with a change of emphasis. **Members have the opportunity to speak on their induction to the club, but each one goes on to do more, travel more, take on new interests, volunteer in various ways and we would like to give more opportunities for these to be shared. Volunteers or ideas can be given to Graham any time.**

It is also clear we need to make better use of our new sound system to ensure all in our large gathering can hear clearly. Use of the microphone is encouraged for everyone addressing the meeting. We all need to recognise the need some members have for hearing assistance.

## ***Today's Business....***

The speaker for today's meeting is our own new Club member **Neil Blaikie**. The title for Neil's talk is "Aspects of Dams and Hydro Power Generation".

Neil is a Chartered Professional Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. He gained his engineering degree at the University of New South Wales and has forty three years experience in the management of major infrastructure assets, primarily in hydro power generation. Neil worked most of his career with Hydro Tasmania and held several senior engineering management positions including Principal Civil Engineer, Dam Safety Manager, and Principal Engineer Asset Management.

Neil's main expertise and interest is in the management of large dams where he has held the position of Chairman of the national industry dam engineering body, ANCOLD and was the Australian representative on the international industry body ICOLD. Neil has had extensive dam and hydro engineering experience in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Asia and Scandinavia. Neil is now retired but claims he still has sufficient memory cells to talk to you today.

***Finance:*** Balance at CBA at February 29th \$3276.03. The Annual Subscription of \$40 is now due and can be paid today or by Direct Debit to the club's Bank A/c. Bank Details: PROBUS CLUB OF HOBART MENS INC. BSB: 067002 a/c 28047347.

***Members' absences:*** Any member who expects to be away for three or more consecutive meetings should apply to the Secretary for leave of absence as required by our constitution.

***Proud Mary Murray River Cruising:*** Rod Leviton will present this program to interested members, with snacks provided, at the end of the meeting.

## ***Reports of recent activities:***

***Luncheon Group:*** (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333): Our March lunch was held at the Blue Eye restaurant in Castray Esplanade where sixteen of our most fortunate members enjoyed a fabulous sea food lunch including a delicious caramel tart for dessert together with a glass of excellent wine. Once again the conversation level said it all and as we left the compliments were many.

***Outings:*** (Hamish Kyle): March Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Dunalley Oyster Farm & Bangor Wines.

Twenty two members and wives visited the Bangor Wine & Oyster shed and enjoyed an excellent talk from Tom Grey on his Fullham farm and the Tasmanian oyster industry and the development of his oyster farm.

Matthew Dunbabin then spoke of the Bangor farm history and diversification of sheep, cattle and now irrigation and their small vineyard and the joint operation with the Grey family of the Wine & Oyster shed.

Lunch varied from oysters, mussels or lamb pie and the Bangor wine. The bus then drove through to the Bangor homestead and we viewed the land class types and farm operations. .

***Photography:*** (John Brodribb): A small group reviewed the recent Botanical Gardens photo shoot and the effects achieved when photographing flowers using a shallow depth of field.

## ***CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS***

### ***Luncheon Group (Bob Stagg 0416133629)***

Our April luncheon will be at the Dr. Syntax Hotel in Sandy Bay at 12.30pm on Thursday 14th April. There will be a choice of 2 Mains and two Sweets and will include a Glass of Wine and coffee all for \$25.00.

We will meet in the bar from 12.00 to 12.30 when the first course will be served. See you there.

## ***Outings (Bob Pratt 62252317 or [bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com](mailto:bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com))***

Apr Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Caled Containers Pty Ltd Factory visit. 29 Maxfields Road (on right hand side of road prior to Franklin) Franklin and optional lunch at Grand Hotel Huonville. Arranged by Ian Edie & David Brammall.

First group of ten commences at 10.00 am and second group of ten 10.45 am.

Lunch at the Grand Hotel Huonville is 12.00 noon.

Whilst waiting for the first group to complete their tour the second group could stroll around Franklin only 5 minutes away and the first group could do the same whilst waiting for the second group to do their tour prior to going to lunch.

I will arrange the groups after the Probuss meeting and inform everyone.

Allow 40 minutes to drive to Franklin. Bob Pratt

The proposed Outings for 2016 are as follows.

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

Jun Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Ausmas Lunch at Balmoral Motor Inn. Bob Pratt.

Jul Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Maritime Museum. John Brodribb.

Aug Tue 16<sup>th</sup> State Cinema. Bob Pratt.

Sep Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Overnight trip in Launceston Area. David Brammall (see below).

Oct Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Runnymede with afternoon tea. Trevor Willcox.

Nov Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Blundstone Arena. Geoff Medhurst & Ian Eadie.

Please remember, partners, relatives and friends are welcome on our outings unless otherwise specified.

### Launceston Tour

Members are reminded that our Launceston trip is scheduled for Wed. and Thurs. the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September. The cost is \$250 – payable in advance. There is a \$50 extra charge if a single supplement is required. We need to book a minimum of ten rooms to get the discount. The cost covers the bus fare, entry fee to Seahorse World, Beaconsfield Gold Mine, Moores Hill Winery, Museum and Planetarium and Cataract Gorge. As well Lunch, Dinner, Breakfast and Accommodation are part of the package.

The cost excludes morning tea, wine tasting and lunch on Thursday.

Please add your name to the circulating list if you wish to commit. Bill Mottershead will field all questions. I will be back for the May meeting.

David Brammall

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

Our next photo shoot is on Monday 18 April at 10 am, meeting in the car park of the Shipwright Arms Hotel, to photograph some of the historic buildings of Battery Point.

Trevor Wilcox will be the coordinating the activity in the absence of John Brodribb interstate.

## ***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)***

April 11<sup>th</sup> will be our next gathering at SBBC and will be a presentation from the AFP on cyber security. Keeping ourselves safe online is important for us all and is subject to constant change. This presentation is designed to assist us all to be aware of the current situation. Partners/friends are most welcome to attend. The following topics will be discussed:

- Popular websites, social media sites and apps
- Privacy policies and settings
- Geotagging
- Scams, fraud and identity theft
- Online grooming
- Sexting
- Cyberbullying
- Reputation management
- Reporting

## ***Club Welfare (Robin Holmes 62825465)***

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.

## ***Entertainment Books (Carl Lawton)***

For only \$65, Entertainment Memberships are full of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafes, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more! So please purchase a Membership from our own Hobart Probus Club. This is provided as a service to members who requested it, however the books are very good value! Carl Lawton

## ***NEXT MEETING***

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **Tuesday May 3rd** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club. Our guest speaker will be David Sanderson from Wine Tasmania whose topic will be: "Keeping it cool - ensuring sustainability for Tasmania's wine sector in a growing market"

## ***BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL***

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Glenn Pearce (1<sup>st</sup>), Malcolm Miles (11<sup>th</sup>), Harry Stanton (28<sup>th</sup>) and Richard Hurn (29<sup>th</sup>).

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