

# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR  
**"Explore, Enjoy, Experience together"**

Today's Greeter is Bob Clifton.

## Report on March Meeting



I am very happy and proud to accept the position of President of this highly regarded club. I know that in undertaking this role I am following some highly effective, and well respected people before me, not the least of whom is our immediate past president, Brian Butler and I would like to commend and thank Brian and his executive on their work over the past year. I congratulate and welcome new and continuing executive members and look forward to a full and interesting year working together. I hope that over the next 12 months we will continue to see the successful operation of our club, which provides such a wonderful opportunity for those of us in retirement to meet with old friends and make new ones. The various groups that operate so successfully within our club make it the special place it is for all of us. I would encourage all of you in the coming year to continue to explore new ideas and places of interest; to involve yourselves in new experiences and to enjoy the company of those about you. This is the true value of Probud.

Carl Lawton  
 President.

### Annual Membership Subscription

The annual subscription has been left at \$40 and is now due.  
 Payment by Direct Deposit is requested where possible to the club's account.

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**Please include your name in the details.**

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

Today's speaker is Donna Hendry, the Senior Education Officer from the Macular Degeneration Foundation. Macular Disease Foundation Australia is committed to reducing the incidence and impact of macular disease in Australia through education and awareness programs, research, provision of support services and representing the best interests of the macular disease community.

### ***Finance:***

### ***Membership:***

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

### ***Men's Luncheon Group:***

In March we again enjoyed the hospitality of the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club, attended by 14 of our members who, judging by the peals of laughter and animated conversation had a jolly good time. The day was fine, the surroundings superb and the meal was delicious.

### ***Outings:***

11 Members and partners attended this very informative and enjoyable stroll around Salamanca. u was learning of the American Consulate established during the whaling days. Visiting the graves in St David's Park showed how short life was for some of the early colonists.

A nice cup of coffee with good company rounded off a very enjoyable morning.

Organised by Tony Hope.

### ***Information Technology:***

At our last gathering a small group looked at Google Maps and the ways in which it may be used. An article on 'The 15 most useful Google Apps you never knew existed' was also used as a discussion point.

***Photography:*** A small group reviewed the results of our February photo shoot around Stewarts Bay, Port Arthur and other Tasman Peninsula locations.

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

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

***Apr Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Orphanage Schools and morning tea (Cost \$10.00).***

Meet outside St John's Church at the end of St John's Avenue, New Town at 10.30 am.

This will be a walking tour and morning tea conducted by 'Friends of the Orphan Schools'.

The Orphan Schools started as the King's Orphan Schools (male and female) in 1838 and later became the Queen's Orphan Schools and then the Queen's Asylum for Destitute Children. We generally refer to it as the Orphan Schools, New Town. Some of our members may know it as St John's Park Hospital.

The Orphan School and St John's Park Precinct situated in St. John's Avenue, New Town, Tasmania is a heritage site of local, state and national significance. The Orphan School buildings, constructed between 1831 and 1833, and St John's Church, built in 1834 form the nucleus of the Precinct.

Optional lunch at Cooley's Hotel Bistro just 1Km away.

**The proposed Outings for 2017 are as follows.**

<b>April</b> Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Orphanage Schools and morning tea.	Bob Pratt
<b>May</b> Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Life Raft Systems.	Geoff Medhurst
<b>June</b> Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ausmas Best Western Balmoral.	Bob Pratt
<b>July</b> Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Double Decker Bus Tour.	David Brammall
<b>Aug</b> Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	State Cinema.	Bob Pratt
<b>Sept</b> Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Westpac Rescue Helicopter.	John Brodribb
<b>Oct</b> Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Houston's Farm Richmond.	Hamish Kyle
<b>Nov</b> Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tasman Peninsula Day Trip (Lunch at Lufra).	Ian Eadie

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

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April is a visit to Mona, the Museum of Old and New Art at Berriedale. The museum opens at 10 am with meeting outside the entrance around 9:50 am recommended. This will be the last day of the current exhibition "On the Origin of Art". The photo opportunities are currently unknown, but past experience is that we should have some interesting challenges. Drinks or a light lunch at the Mona Cafe are available. All Probus members are welcome to attend, with or without a camera.

### ***Men's Luncheon Group (Trevor Abbott 6227 8018)***

In the absence of Geoff Medhurst on medical leave Trevor Abbott has assumed his duties this month. Lunch will be held at **Mezethez Greek Restaurant in Salamanca Square** on April 13: 12 for 12.30. Cost \$35.00 includes a wine with lunch.

### ***Warblers (Bob Brewster 6225 1964)***

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

### ***Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison 6227 8904)***

Our speaker in May will be ABC Newsreader Peter Gee,

Any member with a suggestion as to possible speakers of interest for our meetings is invited to discuss their idea with Graham. Our speakers continue to be the heart of our monthly meeting and we wish to ensure we meet the interests of our members.

### ***Strollers (Athol Wilkes 6224 1673)***

Walkers enjoy the beachfront walk each Wednesday at their own pace and distance followed by coffee at a nearby restaurant. Meet near Beach House, Lower Sandy Bay at 9:30a.m. Partners are welcome.

### ***Aquarobics (Ian Miller 6225 2560)***

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.

### ***InfoTech Group (Brian Butler 6249 4939)***

Our next meeting will be April 24 at SBCC. 10.00 am. All welcome.

## **Club Welfare (Robin Holmes 6282 5465)**

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.

### ***Incidental matters***

#### ***Fire Hydrant Maintenance***

Our member John Brodribb has uncovered some deficiencies in the regular maintenance of suburban fire hydrants on which we would depend in case of fire. He has successfully lobbied Taswater to rectify his situation and interested members are welcome to discuss with him the result of his research. Well done John.

#### ***Definitions.***

*Flatulance:* (n) Emergency vehicle that picks you up after being run over by a steamroller.

*Coffee:* (n) The person upon whom one coughs.

*Willy-Nilly:* (adj) impotent.

### ***NEXT MEETING***

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

### ***BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL***

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Glenn Pearce(1<sup>st</sup>), Malcolm Miles (11<sup>th</sup>), Bob Clifton (27<sup>th</sup>), Harry Stanton (28<sup>th</sup>)

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\* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward, Carl Lawton, Tony Hope.



#### **Our member on tour.**

Ted Best sent this photo from Myanmar. This destination is popular at this time as we are aware of 3 of our members visiting this year.

Photos are invited from our membership for inclusion in the Bulletin where space permits. Send to [bsbutler@internode.on.net](mailto:bsbutler@internode.on.net)