

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR:

“GOOD MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION PROMOTES GOOD FELLOWSHIP”

REPORT ON MAY 2013 MEETING

Membership: Sixty-one members and 2 guests were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership was currently 113, including three *Bulletin*-only members. Three new members' applications were accepted by the Committee.

Finance: Total managed fund	\$1102.74
Commonwealth Bank deposit	<u>\$3063.99</u>
Total	<u>\$4166.73</u>

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker for May was charismatic “night owl” Phil Watkins from the Mt. Rumney Observatory whose topic was “Astronomy – What’s in the Sky Tonight”. We all know the answer to that – ‘a lot’ and with the launch of the Hubble space telescope scientists are looking further into space and are attaining a better understanding of its origin and development.

The main point Phil made was that in astronomy the usual perceptions of time, distance, size and age do not fit our understanding of these terms. For example, when Astronomers say “this is a new crater, it is only a couple of hundred million years old”, or “the distance between earth and moon is only 1.5 light year seconds”, they don’t blink whilst we are left with our mouths wide open. Phil proceeded to show us on screen the different sizes of stars and their locations and he gave us their names - which in many cases required vivid imaginations.

All in all it was a good introduction to a complex subject light years away from our daily life and it is certain that we are all looking forward to our visit to the Mt. Rumney Observatory to get a more hands-on experience of astronomy.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Luncheon Group: This month we ventured over the bridge and out to the picturesque Tasmania Golf Club, where we enjoyed an excellent meal with a nice drop of either red or white wine to enhance the taste buds. Apart from good food, these less formal occasions provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and lots of friendly banter. Thanks once again to Paul Dalton.

Entertainment: A group of 18 members, partners and friends enjoyed the Uni Review on Tuesday, 21st March. Judging from the enthusiasm of our group, it might well be an outing again for next year.

Photography: On an extremely chilly Monday morning 20th May 7 members of the photographic group assembled in Wellington Square to do some "street shooting" Fortunately no-one got arrested for harassment and a good time was had by all especially with the subsequent warming coffee in the new Wellington Centre.

CLUB ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker (Bernard Knight 6231 0562)

Our guest speaker today will be Lynne Hasenkam who will discuss the Lifeline CHATS Program.

Entertainment (Trevor Wilcox 0428253794)

Our next theatre experience will be PRIVATE LIVES at the PLAYHOUSE on June 14th. Indications from the last meeting were that 24 seats will be required. Confirmation of intention to attend and payment will need to be made at TODAY'S meeting. Payment (\$23.00) to be made to Treasurer Roger so that tickets can be procured promptly and distributed at 7.40 pm in the theatre foyer. Please indicate on the circulating list if you would like to join the group for dinner at 6 pm at the New Sydney before the performance.

Outings (Bob Pratt 6225 2317)

Ausmas: Tuesday June 25th - Best Western Balmoral, Brooker Highway, Goodwood. An attendance list will be circulated at this meeting.

Coming up: 16 July- Uni. of Tas. Classics Museum. Peter Voss 6225 1958

23 August- Parliament House Tour. David Brammall 6225 1273

17 September/ Wooden Boat Centre. Bob Pratt 6225 2317

15 October/ Lark Distillery. Hamish Kyle 6225 0767

November/ Radio Telescope

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

This month it's back to town and back to the 'Bay' for our lunch at the Dr Syntax Hotel. We all know where it is and we all know that we can expect top class tucker with wine for \$30. The date is Thursday June 13 and we gather from 12 noon. If you have no other plans for this date why not join us? The chatter is light and friendly and the food is always good. Add your name to the list now or you can contact Geoff Medhurst .

Photography (Paul Dalton 0409467420)

The next meeting will be at Ted Pritchard's home on Monday 24th June when we will evaluate our efforts from the "street shoot". 10.30 start as usual.

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 6225 1075)

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 July 2, 2013 at 10:00a.m.** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Jim Wishart (3rd), Rudi Thomas (9th), Alan Harvey (10th), Jim Hughes (18th), George Elwood (20th), David Lane (23th), Bob Pratt (26th), Peter Voss (27th), Trevor Nicholson (28th), Ted Kench (28th), Ron McMeekin (29th), Trevor Abbott (30th).

AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE.....

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." Cicero 55 BC ... We've still got a long way to go!!

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:
If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics :

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.
- 2.. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3... Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
- 4.... Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
- 5..... Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
- 6..... The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" Warning light.
- 7..... The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
- 8..... Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
- 9..... Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
- 10..... You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

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