

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR:

“Be involved, be inclusive”

Today's Greeter is Lewis Hamnett

REPORT ON APRIL 2015 MEETING

Membership: Fifty seven members and two guests were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership is currently 118 including nine non-active members. There were two resignations, one bereavement and three new member inductions.

Finance: Balance in CBA A/C at 31/3/2015: \$6075.59

Reminder: Bank details below for those wishing to use this facility for membership payment.

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Business: April's speaker was John Biggs, a fifth generation Tasmanian who retired from Hong Kong University to return to his birthplace in order to write. He has published five novels and his talk was 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Luncheon Group: (Geoff Medhurst): Our lunch in April was another outstanding success. Coterie is a stylish restaurant set amid an ocean of vineyards all in their autumn colours and having just produced a vintage of fabulous quality. Our menu was chosen to be a little different and those who chose the slow cooked lamb pronounced it the best ever tasted. Thanks to Charles Thomas for his organisation skills.

Outings: **BRUNY ISLAND OUTING.**

Twenty eight travellers set out for our Bruny adventure. After some delays we arrived on Bruny a little later than anticipated. Bus driver and tour guide, Ben, however came up with a Plan B and so we achieved most of our objectives.

The Cheese factory visit was a hit with many purchases being made. Our pioneering, albeit unexpected, drive from Adventure Bay through part of the Mount Mangana rainforest on the way to Lunawanna and Alonnah was a challenge to driver Ben, bus and at times the passengers. The rugged countryside and glimpsed views made it all very worthwhile. WE arrived at the Bruny Island Hotel for lunch which proved to be of exceptional standard and value. It was a great “pit stop”. On the way back to the ferry we had a stopover at the chocolate Fudge factory and shop (not that we needed any more refuelling after our repast at the hotel). We rose to the occasion however and once again numerous purchases were made – all for people at home, of course! We made the ferry and duly arrived back at the club at 5.30.

It was a long day but it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It undoubtedly whetted the appetite of some to revisit the island and spend more time taking in its many attractions in a more leisurely fashion sometime in the future. Organiser David Brammall.

Photography: (John Brodribb): Our April activity was a visit to the home of Peter Calvert for Peter to demonstrate the equipment & techniques he applied to the processing of the superb photographic images he has shown us.

IT group (Brian Butler): The initial meeting drew 12 members with some apologies on the day. The group has agreed to follow a simple format whereby time will be allocated for the following purposes:

Time for members to outline any issues they would like addressed.

A presentation on an IT topic of general interest and currency. Questions and discussion to follow.

Today's "good thing"? A suggested app or device that members have found useful and recommend to others.

A help session whereby members seek assistance on solving individual issues. (This is where we help each other).

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker (Graham Sargison 62278904)

REX COX, today's guest speaker, has provided the following introductory background information:

Having been interested in ships and the Port of Hobart from an early age, I used to accompany my father to the waterfront at weekends during the fruit season to look at the "apple boats". This led to photographing ships in the port with a Kodak Box Brownie in 1960 and I still try to obtain a photograph of every vessel that calls. Hobart is a great place for this, with plenty of vantage points, and generally an uncluttered background. The Tasman Bridge is a favourite spot, also Rosny Hill and the CSIRO complex at the outer end of Princes Wharf. A digital camera and powerful zoom lens are now the equipment of choice.

I joined the Maritime Museum in 1985, and enjoy the privilege of being a Life Member and Vice-President as well as being an active volunteer, particularly with visiting schools and tour groups. My career was with Customs for nearly 35 years - the maritime connection being the draw card.

I've recently completed a book on some of the interesting ships that have visited Hobart over two centuries. "Ships of Hobart Harbour" was commenced by my dad's cousin, the late George Cox, and published in mid 2014 by George's son-in-law.

Vote of thanks: John Honeysett.

Outings (Bob Pratt 62252317 or bobgill.pratt@bigpond.com)

May Tue 12 Bus tour round a series of interesting Tasmanian farm properties and a BBQ lunch at Lovely Banks. Organiser Hamish Kyle 0408 544 601

Proposed Outings for your Diary!!

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

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

Entertainment (Trevor Willcox 0428253794)

Our next outing will be to see a stage production of Jane Eyre at the Playhouse on July 3rd.

Please indicate your interest on the circulated sheet today and confirm and pay (\$25.00) at the June meeting. Please also indicate your interest in dinner at the New Sydney beforehand.

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

After our last lunch the bar has been set higher, however I know we can at least equal the challenge at Prossers on the beach in Sandy Bay. Again the outlook is straight from a tourist brochure and Prossers exceptional food is the stuff of legends. Our lunch will be two courses (main and dessert) with a quality wine or soft drink and the cost will be just \$35. The date is Thursday May 14 from 12 noon so get set for a great day.

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

The Hobart Rivulet Park is the next photo shoot opportunity on Monday 18 May @ 10.30 am. We will meet in the car park of the C 3 Church & Convention Centre at the lower end of Anglesea Street, South Hobart. Coffee @ the Rivulet Cafe to follow.

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)

2nd Monday of the month at Sandy Bay Bowls Club
Next meeting May 11 at 10.00 am Top meeting room
Future meetings guest speakers.
June 8: Telstra Countrywide
July 13: Harvey Norman Computers

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 held on **Tuesday June 2** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Fred Heather (1st), John Linton (3rd) Brian Gallagher (11th), Alex Young (25th), Maurice Minervini (27th), Barry Simpson (28th), Athol Wilkes (28th).

LAST WORD:

My first job was working in an orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe. After that, I tried being a tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job. Next, I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was too exhausting. Then, I tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the

thyme.

Next, I attempted working in a deli, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

My best job was as a musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but didn't have any patience.

Next, was a job in a shoe factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.

I became a professional fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.

I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was too draining.

So then I got a job in a gym, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was the same old grind.

SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT

AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

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This year's Red Shield Appeal seeks volunteers for door-knocking in all areas on the week-end May 30 –31. If you can help contact Lieutenant Amy Jones on 0427 759 641 or amy.jones@aus.salvationarmy.org