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# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**“Unity in our Diversity”**

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Today's Greeter is Paul McCann.

## REPORT ON APRIL MEETING



Our newest member Bob Clifton (left) gave a very interesting outline of his career and interests. Due to some unexpected presentation technical difficulties Neil Blaikie postponed his talk on Hydro Dams. The meeting was fortunate to have a standby in Vice President Bruce Rosen who gave a very informative and topical review of the United States Presidential election process from its start after the mid-term Congressional elections through to the final Electoral College formalities. **Vale: The Club noted the passing of member David Edwards with respectful silence.**

### *From the President*

Our committee has been delighted by the organisation of the various activities that are available to members and cater for their diverse interests.

In order that these continue to function smoothly it is requested that members ensure that, in the event they cannot participate in an activity to which they have committed, the organiser is advised at the earliest opportunity as it may not otherwise be possible to refund payment. Organisers try to keep costs to a minimum and put considerable time and effort into each activity and we want to support their efforts as much as possible.

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

The speaker for today's meeting is David Sanderson Industry Development and Extension Officer for Wine Tasmania whose topic is "Keeping it cool - ensuring sustainability for Tasmania's wine sector in a growing market. David Graduated 1992-3 from University of New England with a Bachelor of Science and Graduate Diploma of Science in Agriculture. He worked as an integrated pest management consultant 1993-7, in 1997-99 as an industry development officer for pome and stone fruits in NSW and in 1999-2003 as viticultural technical Officer at Tinlins Wines, McLaren Vale, looking after approximately 300ha of company vineyards plus another 200ha contracted growers. In 2003-2007 he moved up the road to Hardy's Tintara winery, looking after about 500ha of company and grower vineyard.

Then in 2007-09 he moved within the company to WA to manage two vineyards in Margaret River and looked after all contracted growers (>1000ha). In 2009 David moved to Tasmania to take up his current position.

**Finance:** Balance at CBA at March 31<sup>st</sup> \$4451.45. The Annual Subscription of \$40 is now overdue 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.

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

**Luncheon Group:** (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333): Our April lunch was very ably organised by Bob Stagg at the Dr Syntax hotel and enjoyed by 18 of our members who, judging by the peals of laughter and animated conversation all had a good time. There was much agitation in the morning as rumour had it that the hotel had never heard of the Probus Luncheon Group. Fortunately it turned out that the function was registered in Bob's name. PHEW! Great relief to all concerned. Our eternal thanks go to Hamish for letting us know of a potential disaster in plenty of time for us to fix the problem.

**Outings:** (Bob Pratt): **Apr. Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Caled packaging factory.** The factory is located in the Huon Valley near Franklin and employs 40 people. It uses the latest technology to manufacture plastic bottles and containers of various shapes and sizes for the storage of food etc. The base plastics are sourced from Melbourne, Thailand and China. Containers are pressed in moulds using mechanical pressure, heat and air pressure. The machines run 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Clients range from Tassal, Dairy item manufacturers, Orchardists and sandwich makers. It was a most enlightening tour of the factory and was followed up with a very good lunch at the Grand Hotel in Huonville. Thank you Ian Eadie for liaising with the company management to bring about this visit.

**IT Group:** A very informative talk by the ThinkUKnow section of the Australian Federal Police and Q&A session on cyber security was enjoyed by a larger than usual group. A booklet on security is available for anyone interested at today's meeting.

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

#### ***Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)***

This month our lunch is to be held on Thursday May 12 and we have booked at the Southern Lights Hotel in Kingston. Turn off Summerleas Road into Kingston View Drive. We start at 12 noon and we will choose from 4 Mains, 3 deserts, and wine on table all for the princely sum of \$30 pp. Become well fed by getting onto the list as it comes around or by contacting Geoff on [gcmehurst@gmail.com](mailto:gcmehurst@gmail.com)

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

**May Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Visit the Orphan School and St John's Church precinct,** St John's Avenue Newtown (on the left just past Ogilvie High School).

Meet at 10.30.am outside St John's Church at the end of the avenue.

There will be a \$10 charge which will cover the conducted tour and morning tea.

The Orphan School founded in 1838 is older than Port Arthur. This Outing will reveal some little known (one could say hidden) history of the early days of Hobart.

Optional lunch will be at Cooley's Hotel at noon. Bob Pratt.

The future Outings for 2016 are as follows.

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.

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 meeting on 16 May at 4 Hatton Gardens will be a review of April's Battery Point photo shoot.

### ***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 (Alan Browning 62278516)***

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.

### ***Aquarobics (Ian Miller 62252560)***

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.

### ***IT group (Brian Butler 62494939)***

May 9 10.00 am, Sandy Bay Bowls Club. It was highlighted at our last meeting that one of the main uses of computer devices is to play games. At this meeting we will ask which games people play and why they like them. What are the good points and the limitations? We will look for recommendations and seek new games for our interests.

### ***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!

### ***Proud Mary Murray River Cruising***

Rod Leviton presented this September 18<sup>th</sup> departure to interested members at the April meeting and at least three members and their wives have signed up for this week-long all-inclusive excursion. President Brian has the information for any interested members.

## ***NEXT MEETING***

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **Tuesday June 7th** 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 MAY***

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Fred Heather (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Linton (3<sup>rd</sup>), Brian Gallagher (11<sup>th</sup>), Alex Young (25<sup>th</sup>), Maurice Minervini (27<sup>th</sup>), Barry Simpson (28<sup>th</sup>), Athol Wilkes (28<sup>th</sup>).

***LAST WORDS:*** Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.

Millions long for immortality but do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

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