

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
"Unity in our Diversity"

Today's Greeter is Brian Austen.

REPORT ON MAY MEETING



Trevor Abbott introduced Greg Biscup to the Club (right). The President inducted Greg who then gave an interesting outline of his life. After the General Business there was plenty of time for members to enjoy a chat with other members before the guest speaker David Anderson (lower right) was introduced by Frank Walker. David is the Development and Extension Officer for Wine Tasmania. He has wide experience in the South Australian and Western Australian wine industries and has been in Tasmania for the past seven years. David gave the meeting an intriguing insight into the present state and bright future of Tasmanian wines. Our vineyards have relatively low yields of five tonnes per hectare and are planted French style with narrow row gaps. In the warmer mainland climates yields of twenty tonnes per hectare are not unusual. David is encouraging growers to aim for increased yields of seven tonnes to counter the growing demand which sees many producers running out of their earlier vintages and bringing forward later ones at some risk to quality. Only 8% is exported but China is an export market of great potential. Prices are holding up well at \$20 per bottle entry level and things are looking good!

From the President

Probust members' emails. Members who utilise the email addresses of members supplied in our directory of members are requested to use the convention of sending the email to self, with blind copies (BCC) for the addresses of other members. Thank you.

Today's Business....

Our June guest speaker is Peter Curtis who is an ABC cameraman who will be talking about "Life behind the Lens"

Finance: Balance at CBA at April 30th was \$4755.40 . 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 May lunch was attended by 15 members at the Southern Lights Hotel in Kingston. All agreed that the meal was superb, especially the perfectly cooked steak, and the only time talking ceased was during the intake of food or the quenching of thirst. The venue was first class and is sure to be visited again.

IT Group: (Brian Butler): A small group at our last meeting looked at computer games and the ways they can help with life skills. A new game, Sea Hero, was of interest in that playing it assists with research into dementia and Alzheimers Disease

Photography Group: (John Brodribb) Our May activity was a review of the recent photo shoot of historic buildings in Battery Point, as viewed from land and sea.

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Jun Tue 21st Ausmas Lunch at the Best Western Balmoral Motor Inn.

This is a not to be missed Outing. Very close to Hobart, easy drive, good parking, good company, good food, friendly service in a lovely venue what more could one want as Winter approaches?

Some road works are in progress but access has been maintained and there is plenty of parking on the Brooker Highway only a short level walk to the Inn/

Time: 12.00 – 12.30 pm

Cost: \$39 per head. Choice of 3 Main Courses and 3 Sweets, coffee and tea.

Venue: Best Western Balmoral Motor Inn. 511 Brooker Avenue.

A list will be circulated at the Meeting. For those who responded to the Group email please check that your name is on the list. Don't forget there is room at the Inn and partners and friends are most welcome. A map showing directions can be provided if required. Just ask and it shall be received. Organiser- Bob Pratt 62252317

The future Outings for 2016 are as follows.

Jul Tue 19th Maritime Museum. John Brodribb.

Aug Tue 16th State Cinema. Bob Pratt.

Sep Wed 14th Thur 15th Overnight trip in Launceston Area. David Brammall.

Oct Wed 19th Runnymede with afternoon tea. Trevor Willcox.

Nov Tue 15th Blundstone Arena. Geoff Medhurst & Ian Eadie.

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

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

This month we are turning our attention to the **Christmas lunch to be held at the Best Western Balmoral Motor Inn 511 Brooker Highway Goodwood on Tuesday June 21** at 12.30 for 12.30 pm. We will have an excellent choice of main courses and sweets and there will be wine on the table. Be sure to get your name (and wife/partner name) on the list at the June meeting. Enquiries to Bob Pratt phone 6225 2317

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

With some of our photography group members wintering away from Hobart we have resolved to call a three month recess and reconvene as a group on Monday 19 September at 10 am, at the Brodribb home, 4 Hatton Gardens Sandy Bay. Adopting a winter theme members are invited to present their best five photographs with a FOG effect as a dominant part of the scene. All Hobart Probus Club Members are welcome to participate.

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)

As the convenor will be away on a winter escape the group will be in recess until August.

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **Tuesday July 5th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

Guest speaker: Roger McNeice – Anniversary of the 1967 Tasmanian Bushfires.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Jim Wishart (3rd), Jim Hughes (18th), George Ellwood (20th), David Lane (23rd), Bob Pratt (26th), Garry Southwell (27th), Peter Voss (27th), Ted Kench (28th), Ron McMeekin (29th), Trevor Abbott (30th).

LAST WORDS:

An optimist sees the best in the world, while a pessimist sees only the worst. An optimist finds the positive in the negative, and a pessimist can only find the negative in the positive. For example, an avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. His search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by his find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him.

He decided to try to break the news to a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and invited him to hunt with him and his new dog. As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by. they fired, and a duck fell. The dog responded and jumped into the water. The dog, however, did not sink but instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet. This continued all day long; each time a duck fell, the dog walked across the surface of the water to retrieve it. The pessimist watched carefully, saw everything, but did not say a single word.

On the drive home the hunter asked his friend "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?" "I sure did" responded the pessimist. "Your dog can't swim!"

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level. I described a typical day this way: "Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7km through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles. I got sand in my shoes, eyes and hair. I avoided standing on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. I took a few leaks behind some big trees. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank eight beers.

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!" "No," I replied, "I'm just a poor golfer".

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