

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC

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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR:

“Be involved, be inclusive”

Today's Greeter is Lawrence Dillon.

REPORT ON JUNE 2015 MEETING

Membership: Seventy members and three guests were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership is currently 117 including six non-active members. There was one resignation and two new member inductions.

Finance: Balance in CBA A/C at 29/05/2015: \$4994.74.



Business: Our guest was the inimitable John X who gave us a fascinating and amusing tour de force that took us from Geilston Bay school days to the stages of Shanghai and Seoul, from TV drama to opera and from villains to the beloved Pumbaa in Lion King. John is as busy as ever with local theatre and radio and hopes to do more work on the mainland from Hobart where his wife Cassie and young daughter Calliope keep him firmly based.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Luncheon Group: (Geoff Medhurst): A very enjoyable Ausmas Lunch courtesy of Bob Pratt.

IT Group: (Brian Butler): Our June meeting centred on an interesting discussion with representatives from Telstra Countrywide which, after a brief introduction, was concentrated on members questions.

Outings: (Bob Pratt):

The Ausmas Lunch was well attended, 47, comprising members, wives, partners, relatives and friends. The meal was excellent with good company in lovely surroundings. Plenty of chatter and empty plates was confirmation of a very enjoyable lunch. Organiser Bob Pratt

Photography: (John Brodribb): In June members met at the Brodribb home to review the photo shoot results of the Hobart Rivulet excursions & other members' activities.



Our Unsung Heroes.

Roger, Tony and Athol on morning tea duty; and they provide table service up near the bar!

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker (Graham Sargison 62278904)

Today's presentation by John Williamson is entitled "Shackleton and the Heroic Era: Science, Empire or Ambition?" John teaches senior History and Philosophy at Fahan School in Hobart where he is the Head of Humanities. John is also a Polar Historian: he lectures in Antarctic History at the University of Tasmania and has worked as a guide/historian in Antarctica for 'Quark Expeditions'. For the last two decades John has carried out research for 'Antarctic Tasmania' and, with Dr Lorne Kriwoken, has been instrumental in developing Hobart's "Polar Pathways Tours". Introduction by Graham Sargison.

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

Jul Wed 15 The Outing this month takes us to the Collegiate School to have explained the 1927 Technology used in building the Wurlitzer Organ. We will also view the various sections of the organ. The visit will conclude with a short musical interlude.

Viewing the organ will require being divided into small groups because access to parts of the organ is necessarily limited. For those not in a group and viewing the organ, we will have available tea and coffee making facilities so that persons otherwise not occupied can have a cuppa and a chat. We are very civilised!!

Parking is not available in the school. Park in Davey Street, taking note of the time limits.

After the Wurlitzer viewing, lunch at the Hotel Soho is planned for those interested. Some parking is available at Soho.

Date of visit: Wednesday 15th July

Time: 10.30am

Meet: In the Davey Street car park of Collegiate School (opposite Anglesea Barracks). Please, do not park in the School car park.

Lunch: At the Hotel Soho.

Organiser Ian Eadie Ph. 6266 4698

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

This month we are back to normal after the Ausmas Lunch in June. Our July lunch will again be on the Bellerive waterfront ...this time at the Waterfront Hotel alongside the almost disused ferry wharf. Bob Stagg has done the organising and we can look forward to a choice of 3 mains and 3 desserts with a glass of wine all for \$30. The date is July 16 and we will meet from 12 o'clock for a noggin and natter. .

Entertainment (Trevor Willcox 0428253794)

Entertainment for August.

Croon 2

Theatre Royal

28th August

Return of the Swing. Sensational croon singers backed by a big band and flanked by gorgeously talented Croonette dancers. You will be transported from the humble streets of Hobart to the bright lights of Las Vegas and Broadway.

B Reserve Concession: \$50.00

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

Ian Eadie, in the absence of John Brodribb interstate, will lead a photo shoot excursion to the Shot Tower, Taroona, on Monday 20th July from 10.30 am. Meet on site.

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 (Bob Brewster 62253402)

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)

Our July meeting has been cancelled as many participants will be absent from the state for various reasons.

In August we will concentrate our discussions on the manner in which members have overcome the problems inherent in using mobile devices overseas, and the use of SIM cards.

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 August 4th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Tony Hope (2nd), Pat Mulquinny (6th), Neville Newman (9th), Graeme Howard (14th), Peter Orbell (18th), Adrian Graley (29th) and Philip Pitt (30th).

LAST WORD:

THE EXPLANATION

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. Scientists believe that people do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

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