

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

"Unity in our Diversity"

Today's Greeter is Roger Ibbott.

REPORT ON JUNE MEETING



New members Rob McShane and Nick Mason were inducted into the Club by President Brian and then gave members details of their careers and interests.

Graham Sargison introduced ABC cameraman Peter Curtis, for whom photography has been a family tradition, as our guest speaker. Peter gave the Club a very entertaining review of his career which began in Hobart straight out of school in 1984. As a 24 year old he began working in ABC overseas stations including periods as bureau cameraman in Moscow (with Monica Attard), the Middle East and Washington. He has also made eight visits to Antarctica where he has filmed important pieces for national broadcasts. Peter described the evolution of cameras and other equipment in his time at the ABC and proudly showed us work done for Landline ... Saltwater Muster on Robbins Island.

Peter outlined the contraction of ABC staffing in Tasmania that resulted, in part, from the loss of national programs Landline and The Collectors and the increased mobility of cameramen around the country as reports on major events such as the recent floods require more manpower.



Today's Business....

Our July guest speaker is Roger McNeice whose talk is entitled "Bushfire Disasters in Tasmania".

Roger McNeice was involved with the Taroona Rural fire brigade from 1968 until 1985. In 1972 he was appointed captain of the brigade and, in 1982, when the brigade became a dual purpose brigade under the operational control of the Hobart Fire Brigade, he was appointed first officer, a position he held until 1984. In 1979 He was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Kingborough Municipality for service to the community and an Australian National Medal for service in 1985. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1996. In 1983 he was awarded a Churchill fellowship in his capacity as Honorary Numismatist for the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and in 2004 Life Membership of the Tasmanian

Churchill Fellows Association. He has written 5 books on the history of fire-fighting in Tasmania and is an internationally recognised numismatist and has published several books on numismatics.

Finance: Balance at CBA at May 31st was \$5010.83. 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:

Outings: Ausmas Lunch. The Ausmas Lunch was well attended, 37, 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.

Luncheon Group: (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333):

For our June lunch we joined with other club members for a very enjoyable Ausmas lunch at the Balmoral Hotel, well organised by Bob Pratt. Our thanks go to Bob.



A Christmassy menu and all the traditional decorations created just the right atmosphere and the friendly Balmoral staff did a wonderful job looking after us all!

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 19th July at 10.30 am is a guided inspection tour of the **Maritime Museum of Tasmania**, located on the corner of Argyle & Davey Street & diagonally opposite Constitution Dock. Cost is \$5, payable on the day. Volunteers staff the Museum, including a few of our Probus members.

Scope of the exhibits tour includes: Early voyages around the Tasmanian coast, whaling, Port of Hobart history, Tasman Bridge & Lake Illawarra disaster.

The option of lunch at the Hope and Anchor Tavern follows. A booking list is being circulated at our July meeting. Contact **John Brodribb 6225 0897** if you wish to join the outing. John Brodribb

The proposed future Outings for 2016 are as follows.

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)

For our lunch on **Thursday July 14** we have booked the Ferntree Tavern, a great spot on a cold winter's day. You can take up a position in front of the blazing log fire whilst enjoying a hot toddy or two and anticipating a delicious 2 course lunch including a succulent roast. The cost once again is \$30 including a glass of wine and the time is 12 for 12.30.

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

Future Activities: 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 26 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 August 2nd** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Mike Salter (1st), Tony Hope (2nd), Mike Polegaj (2nd), Graeme Howard (14th) and Adrian Graley (29th).

LAST WORDS: No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between "complete" and "finished." However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the audience was this: "Some say there is no difference between 'complete' and 'finished'. Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand".

Mr. Balgobin's response: "When you marry the right woman, you are 'complete.' If you marry the wrong woman, you are 'finished.' And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one you are 'completely finished.'"

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

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