

**HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC**

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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR:

**“Be involved, be inclusive”**

Today's Greeter is Bruce Rosen.

**REPORT ON JULY 2015 MEETING**

**Membership:** Sixty four members and guests were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership is currently 120 including five non-active members.

**Finance:** Balance in CBA A/C at 30/6/2015: \$4961.12.

***Business: Old Friends***

Graham Sargison introduced Fahan School Head of Humanities John Williamson as our June guest speaker. John proceeded to captivate his audience with his presentation on Antarctic history- “Shackleton and the Heroic Era”. Superbly illustrated it took us from early exploration to the great feats and tragedies of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and concluded with a discussion on merits of the expeditions concluding in favour of Mawson and science.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

**Luncheon Group:** (Geoff Medhurst): Those who joined us at The Waterfront Hotel in Bellerive agreed on two things: The food was excellent even though it took a long time to appear. It was an overcoat warmer on the sunny Eastern shore. Charles Thomas will organise things in August and September while I have a well earned rest in Queensland

**Outings:** (Bob Pratt): **On Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> July 13 Members and partners visited Collegiate School to see and hear the Wurlitzer Theatre Organ that is installed there.** Ian Eadie gave a very informative description of the organ: its origin, installation and operation. These instruments are becoming a rarity. As with many things, the enthusiasts are ageing and young ones are not following in their footsteps. The organist sits at a beautiful horseshoe shaped console and directs the air via an electro-pneumatic system into the required pipes. Behind the scenes in the pipe chambers wood and metal tubing of varying shapes and sizes are used to create a variety of sounds. Also drums, tambourines, castanets etc. can be mechanically operated. A friend of Ian's, Albert Hudson, demonstrated some of the capabilities of this mighty instrument. Thank you Ian and Albert for an extremely interesting and enjoyable experience. Afterwards most of us adjourned to the Hotel Soho for a lovely lunch and good company. In short a very enjoyable day.



## *Man or Superman?*

Following Terry Bowes' glowing reports on Club life member Ian Lewis's amazingly rapid recovery from hip replacement surgery the former patient took to his feet at the July meeting to castigate his promoter for suggesting he was, in fact, the "Man of Steel".

We await further developments in this intriguing debate.

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

### ***Guest Speaker*** (Graham Sargison 62278904)

The title for the talk for August is "The Beacon Foundation in Tasmania" presented by Nick Probert. Nick is employed as the Tasmanian State Manager at the Beacon Foundation and manages a small and passionate team of staff who assist young people from around the state onto better pathways by partnering with secondary schools to engage business and industry to play a stronger role in assisting schools with their education. Nick came to the Beacon Foundation in 2014 after a successful career working with young people in Australian football in a range of high performance and community coaching and management positions across Tasmania. Nick completed a Science degree whilst playing for Collingwood and also holds an honours degree in Freshwater Ecology.

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

**Aug Tue 18 Aurora Antarctic Supply Ship Tour.** Athol Wilkes/Bob Pratt

For the tour, the ship's Agent requires the name of each visitor plus their Driver's Licence Number as proof of identity. This information is required two weeks before the tour.

We will divide into two groups. The second group will be the one going to lunch.

Group 1 will meet at the ship at Princes Wharf No. 1 at 10.00am for ID check and safety briefing.

Group 2 will meet at 10.30 – 10.45am for the same procedure.

There will be a maximum of 15 in each group.

Members must have their ID with them on the visit. Comfortable clothing and shoes for ladders and gangways.

Ladies and friends are welcome but Probus Members will have first preference.

Luncheon will be at Irish Murphy's at Salamanca. Each to pay for their own lunch and drinks.

Parking under Salamanca Quays max 3 hours.

Proposed Outings for your Diary!!

Sep Tue 15 Hobart Airport Visit. David Brammall

Oct Tue 20 Shene visit & Butler's Bounty Tea. Geoff Medhurst

Nov (date to be advised) Norske Skoge visit. John Brodribb

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

***Luncheon Group*** (Charles Thomas 62485902)

The August Luncheon details will be announced at the meeting.

***Entertainment*** (Trevor Willcox 0428253794)

**Entertainment for August.**

**Croon 2**

**Theatre Royal**

**28<sup>th</sup> 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)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30 am is a photo shoot review meeting at the Brodribb home, 4 Hatton Gardens, Sandy Bay. Presentations are invited of the Shot Tower photo shoot, together with those from members who have been wintering away from Tasmania.

***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 next meeting will look at the ways members have approached the use of mobile devices overseas and the pros and cons of those. Which carrier? Buy prior to trip or on arrival? Monday 10th August at Sandy Bay Bowls Club, 10 am.

***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 September 1st** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

***BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST***

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Jim Lawler (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Milliss (5<sup>TH</sup>), Bill Mottershead (8<sup>th</sup>), David Blackburn (11<sup>th</sup>), Roger More (13<sup>th</sup>), Geoff Medhurst

(16<sup>th</sup>), Max Banks (17<sup>th</sup>), Michael Thomson (19<sup>th</sup>), Bill Law (19<sup>th</sup>), Braithe Wedd (21<sup>st</sup>) and Graham Brownell (24<sup>th</sup>).

**LAST WORD:**

A gorgeous young redhead went into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.

'Impossible!' said the doctor. 'Show me.'

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?'

'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.'

'I thought so,' the doctor said, 'Your finger is broken.'

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A police officer stopped a blonde for speeding and asked her very nicely if he could see her license.

She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together.'

Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

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There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?'

The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'

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A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night.. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?' She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

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