

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

“Unity in our Diversity”

Today's Greeter is Wes James.

Robert Hotchin Stagg. We note with sadness the passing on July 13 of our member Robert (Bob). We extend our sympathy to his family.

Report on July Meeting



New member Roger Menadue was introduced by Stewart Wardlaw and inducted into the Club by Vice President Carl. Roger then gave members an outline of his career in tax accounting and long term involvement in basketball.

Our guest speaker was Roger McNeice OAM whose involvement with rural fires protection began with the Taroona Rural Fire Brigade in 1967 and led to the role of Group Captain in Kingborough, involvement with brigades throughout the State and the authorship of brigade histories. In the lead up to the 50th anniversary of the disastrous 1967 Hobart bushfires Roger has written “Flames of Fear” which documents in words and pictures the history of major Tasmanian bushfires from 1820 – 2016. The book will be launched on the anniversary on February 7th next year. In an instructive and entertaining address Roger took the meeting through details of major fires from early settler days to this year's wide-spread burns in January. He also spoke of the development of the administration of fire fighting in Tasmania and the positive impact that improving equipment and satellite observation is having on responses to threats from fires.

Today's Business....

Our August guest speaker is Dr Dianne Snowden whose topic will be Convicts' Transformations. Dr Snowden is a past Chairman of the Tasmanian Heritage Council, an honorary research associate at the University of Tasmania and has published widely on the stories of female convicts in Tasmania.

The title of her presentation is: 'More sinned against than sinning? The women and children of the Tasmania (2) 1845'. Dr. Snowden is a professional historian, heritage consultant and genealogist. She was appointed Chair of the Tasmanian Heritage Council in January 2012 and retired in 2014

Dianne's Ph.D thesis is titled ' "A White Rag Burning": Irish Women who committed arson in order to be transported to Van Diemen's Land'(University of Tasmania, 2005).

She is a regular contributor to 'Tasmanian Ancestry', the journal of the Tasmanian Family History Society and to the Female Convicts Research Centre series, 'Convict Lives'. Dianne is proud to acknowledge more than 20 direct convict ancestors, including one Tasmanian one.

Dianne's most recent publication (with Joan Kavanagh) is 'Van Diemen's Women: A History of Transportation' published by The History Press Ireland in 2015.

Finance: Balance at CBA at June 30th was \$4742.81 (net of member prepayments).

Emails: Following the recent accounts scam it was resolved that Committee email details will be omitted from the on-line Bulletin.

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.



Speaking of members' absences it is that time of the year when many take the opportunity to escape Hobart's deep winter and head for the warmer climes of Queensland or even further afield.

This week's happy snap, supplied by a third party, shows the Prices, Bruce and Gail, exploring shore-side during their French river cruise on the Saone River. Clear skies and warm sunny weather by the look of it. We welcome news and pics from travelling members even if they increase the level of restlessness among those seeing out the cold weather here in Hobart!

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Aug Tue 16th State Cinema. Bob Pratt.

The proposed future Outings for 2016 are as follows.

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

Wednesday, 19th October. Take Tea with Harriet at Runnymede

Here is an opportunity to obtain history first hand. Harriet is the “daughter” of the original owner of the historic property of Runnymede at New Town. Not only do you get a complete history of the Bailey family and property but you will enjoy an elegant afternoon tea, hosted by Harriet who will share her knowledge of whaling in the early days and the by-product of scrimshaw. The cost will be \$20.00 – a discounted price providing we have a party of twenty. Indicate your interest at the September meeting and commitment at the October meeting. Trevor Willcox 0428253794.

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)

With Geoff Medhurst fully occupied with family matters the arrangements for the monthly luncheon has been undertaken by Stewart Wardlaw. We thank Stewart for his willingness to assist.

For our lunch on Thursday August 11th we have re-booked the Ferntree Tavern, a great spot on a cold winter’s day provided the storm isn’t too strong. 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)

Next meeting at SBBC on Monday August 8th at 10.00 am.

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 September 6th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Jim Lawler (2nd), John Milliss, Neil Blaikie and Don McLeod (5th), Bill Mottershead (8th), David Blackburn (11th), Roger More (13th), Geoff Medhurst (16th), Max Banks (17th), Michael Thompson and Bill Law (19th), Braithed Wedd (21st), Graham Brownell (24th) and Wes James (26th).

LAST WORDS:

English can be weird but it can be understood through tough, thorough thought though.

Seen at the Maritime Museum: **Why is a ship called a 'she'?**

A ship is called a 'she' because there is a great deal of bustle around her; there is usually a gang of men about; she has a waist and stays; it takes a lot of paint to keep her looking good; it is not the initial expense that breaks you, it is the upkeep; she can be all decked out; it takes an experienced man to handle her correctly; and without a man at the helm she is absolutely uncontrollable. She shows her topsides, hides her bottom and when coming into port, always heads for the buoys.

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* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward, Carl Lawton, Trevor Willcox.