

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



THE BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT ROBIN'S THEME "Enjoyment Through Participation"

Membership and Attendance as at July 2014 meeting.

Membership	Inductees	Resignations	Attendance	Apologies	Guests
115 (Includes 2 Bulletin only members)	Nil	Nil	68	31	1

New Members...

To be inducted today is Allan Browning, to be introduced by Athol Wilkes. Welcome Allan

Members are reminded of the recent passing of Ex President Darrell Talbot, recently resigned member Ian Rumney and past member, John Palmer, all of whom passed away during July 2014.

Condolences are also extended to Colin Wendell-Smith on the recent passing of his wife, Pamela.

On behalf of our Club, a card of Condolence was forwarded to Government House expressing condolence on the recent passing of the State Governor, the Hon. Peter Underwood.

Finance:

Balances	31/07/2014	30/06/2014
Tas. Perpetual Trustees	Nil	Nil (Tfd to CBA)
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Guest Speaker July 2014 Meeting :

Richard Bevan was introduced by Terry Bowes. Richard retired in 2010 from the position of CEO and Managing Director of Transend Network, which position he had held for twelve and a half years prior to retirement. Richard is currently a Non-executive director of Crisp Bros. & Haywards and is International Treasurer of the International Council on Large Electric Systems. Richard is a Fellow of Engineers Australia and of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Richard is married to Moira and they have two adult children.

Richard's topic for the day was the History of Electricity Transmission in Tasmania.

The talk ranged from the earliest days of electricity transmission in Tasmania when the first transmission lines were commissioned in 1916 until the present time.

Interestingly, electricity was first generated in Tasmania for the Mt Bischoff mine on Tasmania's west coast in 1883, only one year after Thomas Edison's first central New York USA power station was commissioned. Subsequent local power generation developments occurred for the Waverley Woollen Mills in Launceston, Hobart electric trams and the Hobart Gas Company.

The Great Lake Development Scheme began in 1909, and was, as were all other schemes of the time, a privately funded enterprise. However, it ran into financial difficulties in 1914, causing the Tasmanian Government to step in with the establishment of the Hydro Electric Department. That beginning saw the

establishment of the Waddamana Power Station and the transmission of power to Hobart, approximately 100 km away. In 1916, this became the first high voltage transmission line in Australia, some eight years before the next, developed in Victoria, from the Latrobe Valley to Melbourne.

The Hydro Electric Department became the Hydro Electric Commission in 1929. This organisation became corporatised in 1995 and was dis-aggregated resulting in the birth of triplets, including Transend Networks Pty Ltd on 1 July 1998 with that new company becoming responsible for Tasmania's electricity transmission system. For a period of approximately five years, Transend also become the system controller when the Bass Link undersea cable enabled Tasmania to join the National Electricity Market.

Richard made the understanding of the complexity and scale of the underlying engineering and construction issues capable of being understood by members. Additionally, his talk clearly demonstrated his pride in being a part of the "Hydro" story and team for some thirty five years, commencing from his time as a junior cadet engineer.

A vote of thanks was moved most sincerely by John Brodribb and carried by acclamation.

Guest Speaker (Co-ordinator -Bernard Knight - 0419896693)

August 2014 Guest Speaker is Dr Bruce Rosen, Adjunct Researcher, School of Humanities, University of Tasmania.

Topic... "Murder most Foul"...Dark Deeds at Point Puer, Port Arthur, Van Diemen's Land. The story involves the murder of an overseer at Point Puer. It is an interesting story, particularly in terms of how criminal justice operated in the middle of the nineteenth century in Van Diemen's Land



ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Remember President Robin's theme, "Enjoyment through Participation")

Wine Experience..... Geoff Medhurst.

Was the wine colder than the weather? Well a group of well rugged up Probus wine buffs was about to put this question to the test. Our group numbered twenty and it was nice to see some wives along to guide the men in forming their opinion of the wines tasted.



We met at 11.30 am at the Cellar Door Tasmanian wine centre where our host, James was waiting for us with a glass of superb bubbles and after a brief outline of the Tasmanian wine industry both past and present we moved into the Northern room, followed by the Eastern room and finally back to the Southern room. In each room James described the effect the region had on the wine produced whilst dispensing a generous sample of a typical wine from the region.

But there was better to come 

The southern room was equipped with refrigerated cabinets containing twenty deliciously chilled whites whilst next to these were shelves loaded with Tasmania's prize winning pinots, and the best part was that we could try as many as we liked.

The day finished up for twelve of us with a pleasant lunch in the Hogs Breath restaurant and with a solemn promise to drink more Tassie wine.



CLUB ACTIVITIES and UPCOMING EVENTS

Outings (Bob Pratt 6225 2317)

Entertainment (Trevor Wilcox 0428253794)

Entertainment Group - August

This month we are planning a visit to the State Cinema in North Hobart to see:

The Hundred Foot Journey

Starring Helen Mirren this story tells of an Indian family who moves to France, where they open a restaurant located across the street from a high-rated French restaurant. At this stage we are looking at Tuesday 19th August. Tickets will be \$14. More information at today's meeting.

Tuesday 19 August 2014 Police and Hobart Fire Station Museums.





Meet at the Police Museum in Bathurst Street, opposite Scots Memorial Church, at 10.30 am. After a browse round the Museum we will walk up to the Hobart Fire Station in Argyle Street for 11.30 am to inspect their Museum. At 12.30 pm we will adjourn to the Ocean Child Hotel, across the street for lunch. Ladies and friends welcome. **Organiser Bob Pratt 62252317**

Luncheon Group (Bob Stagg 0416 133 629)

Thursday 14 August 2014 luncheon will be at Tom the licensee is a great "mine host" and White wine all for \$25.

It looks like a great venue for lunch and the Meet in the bar at 12 noon for lunch at As usual the list will be circulated at today's



the Dr Syntax Hotel in Sandy Bay. offered us the choice of 4 Mains plus Sweets and Red or

parking is good too. 12.30pm. meeting.

Planned Outings for your DIARY

Thursday 14 August 2014	-	Luncheon	Dr Syntax Hotel	(Bob Stagg)
Monday 18 August 2014	-	Photo shoot review		(Phillip Pitt)
Tuesday 19 August 2014	-	Police / Fire Station		
Tuesday 19 August 2014	-	Group booking for State Cinema		
Tuesday 16 September 2014	-	Recycling Plant / Incat / Life Rafts		(Hamish Kyle)
Tuesday 21 October 2014	-	Tas. Museum & Art Gallery		(Peter Voss)
Tuesday 25 November 2014	-	Norske Skog		(John Brodribb)
Tuesday 9 December 2014	-	Christmas function – University Club		

Activity Groups

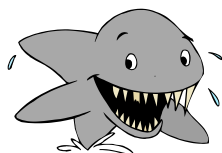
Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)



July 21 saw ten members and family leave a sunny Hobart to venture into the rising fog of the Derwent valley on a photo shoot of the Boyer Mill, water birds, reflections on the Derwent and valley vistas. This was followed by lunch which we enjoyed at the Patchwork Café, which is recommended to members as a lunch destination. Then there was an inspection of a nearby antique shop. Altogether, this was a most enjoyable day.

A review of the Derwent Valley photo shoot will be held on Monday 18 August 2014 at 10.30am, at the home of Phillip Pitt, 26 Stoke Street, New Town, as the group's convenor will be absent at that time.

Aquarobics (Athol Wilkes 6224 1673)



Why not join the group for a dip, some serious but fun exercise and morning tea/coffee at the Hobart Aquatic Centre at **7.45a.m. every Friday**. Members and partners are welcome.



Warblers

The Warblers meet at **10:00a.m.** at the **of each month**. Extra voices are



(Bob Brewster 6225 3402)

Sandy Bay Bowls Club on the **second and fourth Tuesday** always welcome. It is not necessary to sing in tune???

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 6225 1075)

Members are requested to contact Terry if they are aware of any member who is ill, in hospital, or otherwise indisposed and either the member and/or his family may be in need of assistance.

BIRTHDAYS for August 2014

Congratulations and many happy returns to:

2/8 Jim Lawler – 5/8 John Milliss – 8/8 Bill Mottershead – 11/8 David Blackburn –

13/8 Roger More – 16/8 Geoff Medhurst – 17/8 Max Banks - 19/8 Michael Thomson and Bill Law



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* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - Trevor Willcox, David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Peter Voss
Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward.

Roger More would like to remind members of the play, "**Journey's End**" being performed at the **Playhouse Theatre** as from **8 August 2014**.

--NEXT MEETING--

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on
Tuesday, 2 September 2014 at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE.....

1. It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things, literally.
2. I used to think that the brain was the most important organ. Then I thought, look what's telling me that.
3. The midget fortune teller who recently escaped from jail is described by police as a small medium at large.
4. A weekend farmer, an accountant during the week, was in the field with his cattle, getting ready to take them to the sale yards, and counted 197 of them, but when he rounded them up he had 200.

And with apologies to any senator who may read this...

On a local radio station, a young woman was expounding on her idea of the perfect mate to the radio host and listeners. "The man I marry must be a shining light amongst company. He must be musical. Tell jokes. Sing. And stay home at night!" An old granny rang in and advised, "Honey, if that's all you want, get a big television!"

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