
HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR
"Unity in our Diversity"

Today's Greeter is Don MacLeod.

Report on August Meeting

It was a very short general meeting as it finished about 10.15 and we enjoyed longer time for fellowship. The speaker Dr Snowden was present and we got away early with her most interesting talk, which gave us greater insight into the lives of a particular group of female convicts from Ireland who arrived on the second voyage of the 'Tasmania'. There were a number of questions from our group and her talk was much appreciated.

From the President

This month we begin the process of accepting nominations for positions in the club in the 2017-18 year. Nomination forms are available now and it is hoped that this can be completed prior to the end of year break.

In discussions with other clubs I have been so heartened to see the absolute strength of this club in the manner in which the membership supports the operation of the club in its various functions. So many tasks, large and small are shared willingly among our group as a matter of course, all ensuring smooth running each month. Some are elected positions for which nominations are now open, others are just adopted individually such as our dedicated tea/coffee group, our conveners of interest groups and organisers of outings.

Every member has the opportunity to contribute and we anticipate that this will not change. Each position has at least one assistant to ensure continuity in times of holiday or illness. No one should feel unsupported in taking on a role.

Some individuals will happily continue their current role, but be assured, offers to give them a year off, or to become part of their support mechanism, will be warmly welcomed

Four members from our club, together with their wives, will be enjoying their coming "Proud Mary" trip on the Murray River later this month. They will join with members from other Probust Clubs on this excursion and they look forward to sharing the time with them. There are various opportunities available for Probust members to join such tours, and members interested are encouraged to explore them and possibly form a travelling group. Grand Pacific Tours for instance are a Probust sponsor and specialise in New Zealand tours.

Probust Christmas Lunch 2016

This year our very popular **Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday 6th December at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania**. The traditional 2 course lunch with wine will this year be supplied at a cost of **\$35 per head** (less than last year). A list will be circulated at the September and October meetings or bookings can be emailed to Carl Lawton.

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Today's Business....

Our September guest speaker is our own Assistant Secretary, Neil Blaikie. whose talk is entitled "Valley of the Dammed" aka "Dam Disasters I have Known but not Caused". Neil is a Chartered Professional Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. He gained his

engineering degree at the University of New South Wales and has forty three years experience in the management of major infrastructure assets, primarily in hydro power generation. Neil worked most of his career with Hydro Tasmania and held several senior engineering management positions including Principal Civil Engineer, Dam Safety Manager, and Principal Engineer Asset Management.

Neil's main expertise and interest is in the management of large dams where he has held the position of Chairman of the national industry dam engineering body, ANCOLD and was the Australian representative on the international industry body ICOLD. Neil has had extensive dam and hydro engineering experience in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Asia and Scandinavia. Neil is now retired but claims he has enough memory cells to talk to you today

Finance: Balance at CBA at July 31st was \$4691.09 (net of Launceston trip).

Reports of recent activities:

Outings:

Visit to Maritime Museum of Tasmania

On July 19th over 20 members & partners joined in a visit to the Maritime Museum of Tasmania, including inspecting the recently re-opened Carnegie Gallery to view:

- The Risby family collection of Haughton Forrest paintings, principally of Risby family trading vessels.
- The Lamprell collection of maps 'Exploring the South Land', presenting maps from around 400 years of European explorers on voyages of discovery around Australia with early detail maps of sectors of the Tasmanian coastline.

Following on we were given a guided tour of the exhibits in the main gallery, viewing bark canoes of the style used by aborigines, photographs of early settlers trading vessels, the Port of Hobart over time, & the vessels that operated around the Port.

Most of the group moved on to upstairs in the Hope & Anchor Tavern for a great lunch, more substantial than some of us needed. Organiser John Brodribb.

Visit to the State Cinema

23 Members and their partners had a very enjoyable and informative visit to the State Cinema on Tuesday August 16th. John Kelly, the inspirational owner and developer told us the history of the Cinema and the local area. This was enhanced with the viewing of a short historical film. We then enjoyed a comedy film called "Dough" which proved that you do not have to endure foul language, speeding and exploding cars and in your face sex to make an entertaining film. 20 of us stayed and had a very pleasant lunch in the centre's restaurant. Popular agreement was that we must do it again which we will but with a different film!! Organised by Bob Pratt.

Below (left to right): The State Theatre in 1935(then the Liberty).The rooftop theatre. The Probus group hears the Theatre's story from owner John Kelly.





Luncheon Group: (Bob Clifton)

A hardy group of eleven club members had an enjoyable lunch on the mountainside at the Ferntree Tavern on August 11th.

“The Mountain” schnitzel was not on our special menu ... thank goodness!

The group debated an after dessert walk on the Pipeline Track but discretion outweighed valour!

CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison 62278904)

Graham is away for the next two months but has arranged for Probus member Don Macleod to speak in October on “From The Hebrides to The Antipodes” and for the Tasmanian Police Commissioner, Darren Hine, to be our guest speaker in November. He will speak on the topic “Policing Issues in Tasmania.” Neil Blaikie will hold the fort during Graham’s absence.

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

The future Outings for 2016 are as follows.

September Wed 14th - Thur 15th Launceston Trip

A reminder that the departure time from Margaret Street is 8.00 am on Wednesday and you can expect to be home no later than 5.30 on the Thursday. We have permission to leave our cars in the Bowling Club’s car park for the two days. To reduce the number of cars in the car park some may be able to share. Any questions ask 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.

Tuesday November 22nd Blundstone Arena. Geoff Medhurst & Ian Eadie. Note revised date.

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

Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)

The Photography Group reconvenes 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.

Vanners (David. Brammall@bigpond.com or 62251273)

All members of the Club are invited to join the “Vanners” for their annual holiday at the White Beach Tourist Park in February next year. The dates are Tuesday the 14th to Friday the 24th of February. Any and everyone is more than welcome. Bring a friend!

The six grass sites have been provisionally reserved for us. Additionally the cabins are available. Our new hosts at the park, Bev. and Pete. Bailey, are looking forward to our visit and are offering the usual discount (10%) to all members of our party. If you wish to join us for all or part of our time there then you should contact the Park directly on: 6250 2142 to effect your booking. Do

mention that you are part of the Hobart Men's Probus Club group. You should do this by November. A deposit will be required.

Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

For our September lunch we will visit the quaint Crescent Hotel in North Hobart. The dining room can best be described as cosy with a load of olde world atmosphere and our last visit was most enjoyable. The Crescent is under new management with a value lunch menu and a glass of wine for \$30. The date will be Thursday September 15 and we will meet from noon.

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 September 12th at 10.00 am. We will host John Thorne the coordinator of the Hobart Macquarie Probus IT group. His experience in the working processes for such a group will help us firm up our direction and interactions. He is happy to share his knowledge with us as to how to best utilise our time together.

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 October 4th** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club. The guest speaker will be our own Don MacLeod.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Congratulations and many happy returns to: George Strickland (4th), Eric Parnham (5th), John Millington (12th), Eric Hayes (13th), David Brammall (13th), Gordon Dowl (17th), Darrell Milbourne (18th), Braithe Wedd (21st), Graham Sargison (21st) and Lewis Hamnett (30th).

President	Butler	Brian	6249 4939	
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* OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodrigg, Gordon Goward, Carl Lawton, Trevor Willcox.

