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



Founded: 5 October 1982 by the Rotary Club of Hobart Postal Address: PO Box 2008, Lower Sandy Bay 7006 \* Website: www.hobartmensprobus.org\*



PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

"Explore, Enjoy, Experience together"

We acknowledge the passing of John Ponsonby, our longest serving member (1984). Our condolences to his family and friends.

#### Today's Greeter is Brian Aherne

# Report on August Meeting



Prof. Peter Boyce AO kept us all interested and attentive as he covered a wide range of topical and important issues relating to Australian foreign affairs and world politics. His deep interest and wide knowledge were evident in his ability to succinctly apprise us of the pertinent facts. Members were keen to be involved in the question and answer session which could have proceeded well beyond the end of our meeting time. Our member John Brodribb has suggested that anyone interested further may like to read the following books available at LINC.

- \*China Matters: getting it right for Australia, what we need to know for today and tomorrow. Author Bates Gill.
- \* Fear of abandonment: Australia in the world since 1942. Author Allan Gyngell.

We also welcomed to the club Denis Nation as our latest inductee and trust he enjoys the fellowship and activities we provide.

## Today's Business

New members Chris Park, Mike Walpole and Robert Brand to be inducted.

## **Guest Speaker - Graham Sargison**

Last year Graham was encouraged by his brother to trace their Viking ancestry by walking across Northern England.

As his brother had done the walk twice before, Graham was keen to accept the offer but soon found his brother's navigating abilities left something to be desired!

However, a merry band of 5 set off from the Irish Sea and, despite a few detours en route, arrived 15 days later at the North Sea after lots of adventures and many pints of great beer!!

#### Last Month's Activities

**InfoTech Group** A lively group of 11 members examined the ways in which photos are stored and recovered as well as new applications to manipulate and enhance them. We concentrated on the applications Google Photos for storage and recovery, and Snapseed for photo editing. There were many contributions and searching questions, some of which could be answered, but it all left us with room to investigate and explore to find the ways that best suit each individual. Next month we will send a brief outline of the suggested agenda to all members with email and extend a welcome to anyone interested.

#### **Men's Luncheon Group**



Our August lunch was held at the venerable Wrest Point buffet and pre lunch saw several of our members hurriedly renewing their WP membership cards so as to qualify for the discounts. Our group only numbered seven but we all walked away very well fed.



#### **State Theatre Excursion:**



The film show at the State Cinema was attended by 24 Members, partners and friends. The film was very enjoyable. Lunch after in the cinema's café was most pleasant with good conversation and food.

Organised by Bob Pratt.

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

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

## Sept Tues 19th 'Cluny' & 'Weazel Plains', Bothwell

Hosts: Richard and Scott Bowden ('Cluny'and 'Weazel Plains')

Bus: O'Driscoll Coach (57 seater), depart from Margaret Street, Sandy Bay, 8.30am. Car parking at Sandy Bay Bowls Club. Return mid-afternoon.

Bus cost at \$550.00 (Anticipated at but not greater than \$20.00/head)

Lunch: being arranged by Bothwell Ladies Fitness group. Requested soup and sandwiches. Cost yet to be advised. Organised by Hamish Kyle.

## Coming Outings for your Calendar

Oct Tue 17th Westpac Rescue Helicopter. John Brodribb

Nov Tue 21st Tasman Peninsula Day Trip (Lunch at Lufra). Ian Eadie Dec Tue 5th Christmas Lunch. Hamish Kyle

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

## Guest Speakers (Graham Sargison 62278904)

In October, our guest speaker will be **Kim Macgowan from the Hobart District Nurses** "Committed to Care" who will talk on their services that are designed to help people stay healthy and independent in their own homes and community.

#### VANNERS' HOLIDAY

All Probians, wives, partners and friends are invited to join in our annual holiday at the White Beach Tourist Park. The Almighty has been consulted and he/she has advised that the portents for clement weather are more than encouraging. Book and/or plan now!

Bring your caravan, use on-site cabins, stay with friends or in a holiday house or visit for the day-all are welcome.

WHEN: Monday the 12th to Friday the 23rd of FEBRUARY or any part thereof. The Gala dinner at "Lucky Ducks" is on Thursday the 15th.

ADDRESS: Tourist Park, White Beach (near Nubeena).

HOSTS: Bev and Pete BAILEY-ph. 6250 2142 for booking. Say you are part of the Probus group

ACTIVITIES: It is your holiday but we usually plan a number of activities for those who are interested. These have in the past included: beaching, kayaking, boating, fishing, swimming, morning/day walks, golf, morning coffee at local cafes, visits/drives to destinations of agreed interest (distillery, Lavender farm, "Rannoch", Lufra Hotel for seafood lunch and of course a daily "Happy Hour" and reading time! etc)
Any questions and/or expressions of interest should be directed to David Brammall.

#### WEST COAST TRIP

For your diary, a two-night three-day trip to the West Coast to take in some or all of the following

is in the pipeline for March or April 2019:

Gordon River Cruise

Wilderness Rail Journey

Wall in the Wilderness

The cost is of course at this stage problematic but preliminary enquiries would suggest that it will be in the vicinity of \$900 all inclusive. Expressions of interest and/or itinerary suggestions should be directed to David Brammall



## Men's Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

This month its back to an old favourite - the Dr Syntax Hotel. We all know where it is and we all know that we can expect top class tucker with wine for a special price of just \$26. The date is Thursday September 14 and we gather from 12 noon. If you have no other plans for this date why not join us? The chatter is light and friendly and the food is always good. Add your name to the list now or you can contact Athol Wilkes on 6224 1673

The doctor asked his elderly patient how he had been treated at Christmas.

"Good" he replied, "I got an SUV".

"That's nice!"

"Yes, Socks, Underwear, and Viagra"

#### Warblers (Bob Brewster 62251964)

The Warblers meet at 10:00a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Extra voices are always welcome.

Co-ordinator of the group Bob Brewster is recruiting for more of our members to participate as the imbalance of male /female songsters needs some redress.



## Strollers (Athol Wilkes 62241673)

Walkers enjoy the beachfront walk each **Wednesday** at their own pace and distance 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)

At 7.45 each Friday morning Hobart Men's Probus members and partners assemble at the Hobart Olympic Pool for an hour of gentle exercise of all muscle groups (including the tongue, as chatter is the ever-present exercise) and follow this with coffee and nibbles. Do join us on a regular or occasional basis.

## InfoTech Group (Brian Butler 62494939)

We next meet at SBBC on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. More details about the topic will be emailed closer to the day and anyone interested is most welcome to contribute and/or learn from the group.

## Club Welfare (Robin Holmes 62459326 please note new number)

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 October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

#### BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Congratulations and best wishes to the following members who have their birthday this month. 3<sup>rd</sup> John ELMS 4<sup>th</sup> George STRICKLAND 12<sup>th</sup> John MILLINGTON 13<sup>th</sup> Eric HAYES and David BRAMMALL 17<sup>th</sup> Gordon DOWL 18<sup>th</sup> Darrell MILBOURNE 21<sup>st</sup> Graham SARGISON 30<sup>th</sup> Lewis HAMNETT

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<sup>\*</sup> OTHER CLUB OUTINGS ORGANISERS - David Brammall, Hamish Kyle, Ian Eadie, Geoff Medhurst, John Brodribb, Gordon Goward, Carl Lawton, Tony Hope.

## **Overheard at the State Cinema:**

"I have wondered what is wrong with Barnaby Joyce and now I know - he is a Kiwi".