

# HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

**“Be involved, be inclusive”**

Today's Greeter is Stewart Wardlaw.

## REPORT ON September 2015 MEETING

**Membership:** Sixty members and two guests were present at the meeting. It was reported that our Club membership is currently 121 including five non-active members.

**Finance:** Balance in CBA A/C at 31/7/2015: \$5173.13.



**Business:** Graham Sargison and Jenny Fuller pictured following her most interesting and informative talk at the September meeting. Jenny Fuller is from the Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care with the subject of "Advance Care Planning". Jenny is the Education and Community Facilitator for the Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care's "Networking End of Life Care Project". Members were engaged by her forthright and very practical talk on those important matters needed to be considered as 'end of life' issues and pertinent questions were asked and answered directly.

## *President's Message.*

It is probably a good time in the year to reflect on the 2015 Presidents theme.

The idea behind the theme of "Be involved, be inclusive" was to give members an opportunity to consider what they can do for our club. There are many activities provided throughout the month. Some regular ones are very well attended. Some seem to be struggling for numbers. Some have limited participation. It would be good if members who are involved in an activity were to invite one of the other members to participate. Sometimes an invitation will be well accepted as it is often better to go to an activity with someone who has already been involved. This person can then act as a support by introducing the member to others involved. In the last couple of years our club has grown considerably. New members may find it difficult to become involved. It would be great if we could all make a point of seeking out new members to help them become involved fully in our club.

This year we have introduced one new activity involving IT. At the same time we have seen other activities declining in popularity. During the next month let's try to involve all members in at least one additional activity. Also if you have ideas for a new activity discuss it with one of the Committee.

We are one of the biggest Probus clubs. Let's endeavour to be the best.

## **Guest Speaker – George Cresswell** (Graham Sargison 62278904)

### **Motorcycling in Antarctica – and life down there in 1960**

George Cresswell started his science career with a BSc at UWA in 1958, followed by a year in Antarctica studying the aurora australis. He then moved to the northern hemisphere where he completed a PhD on the aurora borealis at the University of Alaska in 1968. After a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Calgary he joined CSIRO as an observational physical oceanographer in 1969 and worked there for 33 years until his retirement in 2002. Since then he has been an honorary research fellow at CSIRO.

His work has focussed on the East Australian Current and its eddies, and the Leeuwin Current – which he named, and currents around Papua New Guinea, SE Asia, and New Caledonia. He played a central role in planning and running the ASEAN-Australian Regional Ocean Dynamics Expeditions 1993-95 to train SE Asian oceanographers. He has spent many years at sea as either chief scientist or scientific crew on voyages of the vessels of a number of nations: Australia, Denmark, France, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and USA

### **Reports of recent activities:**

**Luncheon Group:** (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)

An excellent choice of venue at Blackmans Bay and a superb day all made for a very enjoyable lunch. The only thing missing was mint sauce for the lamb shanks however very tender was the verdict. Thanks to Charles Thomas for his organisation skills.

**Photography:** (John Brodribb): The subject of our September photo shoot activity became the Hobart waterfront after a belated recognition that our intended activity, the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery is now closed on Mondays. Coffee at Mures Lower Deck followed a sunny spring morning around the docks.

**Airport Visit:** Seventeen Probianas and wives were shown over the airport facilities which included the departure and arrival areas, cafeteria, check-in operation and cafes and shops etc. It was all very interesting but the best part was the interaction we were able to have with our guide, Amy. She bravely responded to a myriad of questions and we undoubtedly all left much better informed on the complexities, demands and intricacies of planning and running a modern airport. We certainly appreciated her input. A good morning was capped with a very pleasant lunch at the Travelodge Motel.

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Christmas Luncheon (Brian Butler 62494939)**

December 8<sup>th</sup> at the University Club. List to be circulated at today's meeting. Payment required to the Treasurer at the November meeting. Please advise any dietary requirements.

### **Melbourne Cup Sweep. (Charles Thomas 6248 590/ 0422 414 861)**

Tuesday 3 November, \$5.00 per horse - prizes \$60 1st, \$40 2nd and \$20 3rd based on 24 runners. A helper would be appreciated

### **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.

## ***Luncheon Group (Geoff Medhurst 6225 4333)***

Those who visit Wrest Point regularly will know the coffee shop and the excellent buffet available there. This month I have booked a table for us in the Coffee Shop and we will have full access to the buffet for just \$21.20. Drinks will be served at the table AOC. The date is Thursday October 15 from around 12 onwards.

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

Our outing this month will be to Shene, one of Tasmania's most famous colonial rural properties. Not only will we be able to inspect the magnificently restored homestead, we will also see inside the barn which has the proportions of a castle. We will be spoilt with a lavish morning tea and by the expert commentary as we learn about the history of this grand property. The date is Tuesday October 20th and the cost will be \$35 per head. A Walkers coach will leave from Margaret Street Sandy Bay at 10 am and we should be back about 3 pm. **Enquiries to Geoff Medhurst 0418 136 618.**

**Next Month.** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Visit to Norske Skog Boyer Mill

## ***Vanners (David Brammall 62251273)***

### **Vanner's Barbecue**

I will be asking for an indication of numbers at today's meeting. The details are:

**Date:** Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> November      **Location:** Site 1, Dru Point, Margate (Has been booked)      **Time:** 12 noon to 2.00'ish      **Requirements:** Bring everything except a BBQ.

Many bring their own chairs and tables for using outside if the weather is kind.

**Attendees?** The festivity is open to all members of the club (wives and friends included)

### **Vanner's White Beach Holiday**

All club members are reminded that the Vanner's annual holiday at White Beach is scheduled for **February next year from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> or any part thereof.** Sites have been provisionally reserved. Deposits for each site are due. If you wish to be part of this activity then please confirm your booking with the management (Vicki and Tony). The same applies to those who wish to book a cabin. The phone number is: 6250 2142. If you say that you are part of the Hobart Probus group you may well receive a discount. Do remember that this is open to all members. Come and join us! Bring your kayaks/boats too and anything else that might add to the general enjoyment of your stay.

## ***Photography (John Brodribb 6225 0897)***

Six years from the Photography Group's inception by the late Paul Dalton we have confirmed that the group activities are valued by members. We are now reviewing how we may operate into the future. Monday 19th October at 10.30 am at the Brodribb home, 4 Hatton Gardens Sandy Bay, is an opportunity to both review the results of the September photo shoot and contribute to a discussion on what members wish for in future activities & what they may be able to contribute. Recently inducted Probus Club members with an interest in photography are invited to share their interest with us.

## ***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 (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.

## ***IT group (Brian Butler 62494939)***

The next meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> will be about TABLET COMPUTERS. All welcome to come along and contribute to /learn from the 'wisdom' of the group. 10:00 am at SBBC..

## ***Our Entertainment Group (Carl Lawton 0422 486 722)***

### **FORBIDDEN BROADWAY**

#### **Greatest Hits, Volume One**

**Tickets are only \$36**

#### **At The Playhouse Hobart on Friday 6th November.**

This is our final offering for this year and should be lots of fun. Come along and make up a group to see this great parody of the big Broadway Musicals.

*'A fun, satirical and affectionate rip-off of Broadway's most well known musicals. Forbidden Broadway features show tunes from: Chicago, Annie, Wicked, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, The Phantom of the Opera and many more!*

*Winner of the 2006 Tony Award for Excellence, Forbidden Broadway is loved by audiences and critics alike. So if you're a lover of all things musical and enjoy a good parody, this is the show for you!'*

## ***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 November 3rd** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

## ***BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER***

Congratulations and many happy returns to: Roger Sewell (2<sup>nd</sup>), David Back (4<sup>th</sup>), Ken Milton and Frank Walker (7<sup>th</sup>), Alan Hargreaves (14<sup>th</sup>), Ian Miller and Trevor Willcox (18<sup>th</sup>), Hamish Kyle (19<sup>th</sup>), Bob Brewster and Ian Eadie (20<sup>th</sup>), Lew Munro (26<sup>th</sup>), John Thompson (28<sup>th</sup>), Bryan Brassington (29<sup>th</sup>).

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