

HOBART PROBUS CLUB (MEN'S) INC



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PRESIDENT ROBIN'S THEME "Enjoyment Through Participation"




President Robin and others at the Police Museum and at the Menzies Centre and at the Dr Syntax



President Robin enjoyed a career in Transport

"Enjoyment Through Participation" – Join In

Membership and Attendance as at August 2014 meeting.

Membership	Inductees	Resignations	Attendance	Apologies	Guests
113 (Plus 2 Bulletin only members)	Allan Browning 	1 by bereavement	68	34 for August 2014 meeting	3 for August 2014 meeting

New Members...

To be inducted today is Lawrence Dillon, nominated by President Robin Holmes and seconded by John Milliss. Welcome Lawrence

Lawrence Maxwell Dillon, who lives at Unit 62, 15 St Canice Avenue Sandy Bay
Mobile phone: 0407 381 788 - Home phone: 6225 2226

First worked as a sign writing apprentice with E.J.(Ted) Pool, 'Pool Signs', (Former President of Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc.), followed by work in various Tasmanian State Government Departments. Retired 2003.

Married Suzanne in 1965

Son, Telecommunications Consultant, lives Sydney NSW
Daughter, Teacher, lives Melbourne VIC

Interests:

Lawn Bowls, Member Royal Hobart Bowling Club - Golf, Member New Town Bay Golf Club - Art - Travel



Finance ⊗ (Up to date Treasurer's Report was unavailable at printing deadline time).

Balances	31/07/2014	30/06/2014
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Guest Speaker August 2014 Meeting :

Following a "Fill in" bio by member Ian Lewis – thank you Ian.



August 2014 Guest Speaker was 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 dreadful Point Puer was used to separate young from old convicts. Children as young as 9 years of age were regarded as "depraved felons"

Dr Rosen's story surrounded life of young convicts at Point Puer which consisted of mainly boat building. The Head Teacher thought life there was too soft and too much time was wasted in play. Some punishments were strikes on the buttocks or solitary confinement or very occasionally just a verbal comment. Main overseers

were from the Port Arthur prison and they were frequently accused of sexually abusing the boy prisoners.

There was a main jail and 3 sub-jails, used depending on boys behaviour. Boys were known to "crown" warders as a night revenge. Code of silence or alternatively lies applied when "Crowning" was being investigated.

Hugh McGuire was an overseer-farm labourer. He was a poacher. Tried in Edinburgh and sentenced to transportation for 14 years. He was probably intelligent. Recorded as well behaved on voyage and no record in Australia of any breach. He could read and write and was listed as not catholic. In March 1843 he was made overseer at Point Puer. He was regarded as kind and considerate to Point Puer boys. He was murdered in front of 27 boys in June 1843.

Harper "broom-handle" Nichol was a suspect.

Subsequently, Sparks and Campbell, 14-16 year olds were also suspects. They were housebreakers and regarded as very bad/incorrigible and bullies.

There was no evidence of blood on the boys or their clothes and both boys were in a group in a ward(cell). Fletcher evidence accused S&C. Flogging threatened by Capt Errington if other witnesses did not come forward. Smith then came forward as a further witness saying that he did not come forward previously as he did want to be labelled a "Dog".

The dying McGuire said before dying that Campbell & Sparks were the attackers. He did not offer any elaboration.

Defence counsel for Nichol argued lack of evidence and of motive and of weapons appearing long after the event.

Code of conduct suggested lying and conclusion especially as accused was not regarded as dangerous or of misbehaving generally.

Jury took 5 minutes to return "not guilty"

Campbell was set free 1849. Subsequently charged in Oatlands and sentenced to ten years.

Sparks was charged at age 16, endured various floggings and was released in 1845. He was tried in 1847 in Launceston and sentenced for 2 years. Upon release was sentenced at Richmond to further imprisonment

Overall, whilst a rattling good yarn told most expertly, it also drew a strong word picture of the prison and justice systems in Tasmania in times past.

A vote of thanks, carried enthusiastically by all, was moved by David Blackburn who also presented Dr Rosen with a suitable bottle of wine.

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



The Guest Speaker for today's meeting is Associate Professor Jane Tolman who will speak on the topic of Ageing in the 21st Century:

What this means for our brains and our community:
"Its all about dementia".

Associate Professor Tolman was born in Hobart. Dr Tolman trained as a school teacher, student counsellor, and then a doctor. Her specialist qualifications are in Respiratory and Aged Care. Dr Tolman is also Director of Aged Care, Royal Hobart Hospital

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

Lunch at Dr Syntax

'The lunch at Dr. Syntax proved to be a great success, 21 turned up including Stanny Butler, it was great to see one of our ladies present. Welcome Stanny we hope to see you again.



Police Museum, Menzies Centre and the Ocean Child - Organiser Bob Pratt.

On Tues 19th Aug. 12 Members had a very interesting visit to the Police Museum. It was quite fascinating to see the memorabilia on show, photos, badges, uniforms and motor cycles. Sergeant Barry McDonald related the story of the hanging of a man for assisting a policeman when justice was swift.



A tour of the Menzies Centre followed. We were met by Teisha Archer who conducted us round the new buildings which are most impressive. We were then introduced to Jennifer, a researcher, who took us through some of the laboratories. It is encouraging to see young researchers who are passionate about their field of study being provided with world class facilities. This Centre is certainly a bonus for Tasmania.



A lovely lunch was then enjoyed at the



Ocean Child.

Photography (Bob Pratt for John Brodribb 6225 0897)



18 August 2014. Eight members gathered at the home of Philip Pitt to look at and discuss photos taken at New Norfolk during our July excursion. It was fascinating to see the variety of scenes captured. Very positive comments were made about the photos. This part of our group is very rewarding with members

sharing their knowledge and experience. Darrell Milbourne contributed greatly to our discussions.

Members, partners and friends who are new to photography or seeking to get the most out of their camera(s) are most welcome.

CLUB ACTIVITIES and UPCOMING EVENTS

Outings (Bob Pratt 6225 2317)

Luncheon Group (Bob Stagg 0416 133 629)

Our next lunch on 11th September will be at the BLUE EYE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT in Castray Esplanade 1 Salamanca Place. This is on the ground floor of the Silos Apartment Building. The time will be the usual 12 for 12.30pm, and the price will be \$30. This will include the plus a glass of wine and coffee.



the usual 12 for 12.30pm, and the choice of 2 Entrees and 3 Mains

We can assemble from 12 noon in their little bar or if it is a nice day outside at the tables in the sun.

The list for those wishing to attend will be circulated at our next meeting on 2nd September."

Photography (Bob Pratt for John Brodribb 6225 0897)

Our next meeting will be a photo shoot at Battery Point. Meet 10.30 am Monday 15th Sep by the jetty at the bottom of Trumpeter Street. A venue for a cup of coffee afterwards can be arranged on the day.



Planned Outings for your DIARY

Thursday 11 September 2014

- Blue Eye Sea Food Restaurant, Ground floor, Silos Building Salamanca. – (Bob Pratt)

Monday 15 September 2014

-Photo shoot, Trumpeter Street Batter Point (Bob Pratt)

Tuesday 16 September 2014

-Recycling Plant / Incat / Lunch at Incat Cafeteria (Hamish Kyle)

Tuesday 21 October 2014

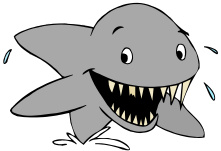
- Tas. Museum & Art Gallery (Peter Voss)

Tuesday 25 November 2014

- Norske Skog- (John Brodribb/ Derek Oseman)

Tuesday 9 December 2014-

Christmas function – University Club



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 **Club** on the **second and fourth**. Extra voices are always welcome. It is tune???



(Bob Brewster 6225 3402)

the **Sandy Bay Bowls** **Tuesday of each month**. not necessary to sing in

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.



"For better digestion I drink beer, in the case of appetite loss I drink white wine, in the case of low blood pressure I drink red wine, in the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch, and when I have a cold I drink schnapps."

"When do you drink water?" "I've never been that sick!"

BIRTHDAYS for September 2014

Congratulations and many happy returns

Other Famous people on the day



4	George	STRICKLAND	Tom Watson (Golfer)
5	Eric	PARNHAM	Jesse James (Outlaw)
12	John	MILLINGTON.	Jesse Owens (Olympian)
13	Eric	HAYES	Shane Warne (Cricketer)
13	David	BRAMMALL	Claudette Colbert (Actress)
13	Bob	STAGG	Jacqueline Bisset (Actress)
17	Gordon	DOWL	Baz Luhrmann (Movie Director)
18	Darrell	MILBOURNE	Lance Armstrong (Cyclist)
21	Braithe	WEDD	Bill Murray (Actor)
21	Graham	SARGISON	Kevin Rudd (Politician)
25	Gordon	SEWELL	Christopher Reeve (Superman)

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--NEXT MEETING--

The next meeting of the Hobart Probus Club (Men's) Inc. will be on **Tuesday, 7 October 2014 at 10am** at the Sandy Bay Bowls Club.

AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE.....

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and sombre.

"I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."

The family members sat silently as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?"

The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain..."

The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked.

A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, "Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

Ed's note.... The view expressed above is not necessarily the view held by readers or editorial or production staff.

Assistant Editor and junior proof reader. (I think that I am leaving town after that)



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