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PROBUS NEWS

The Probus Club of Burnie



Fun, Fellowship, Friendship

A Word from the President

As I look out the window the Spring rains are beating against the window pane, I am hoping as I put my clock forward this weekend for Daylight Savings, the weather improves so we can enjoy the longer evenings. Seniors Week is from the 13th-19th and there are lots of activities happening on the coast, there are booklets available around town and no doubt a website. Events such as this are a promotion for Probus as they are all about active and connected retirees.

October is Probus Month and whilst we are not doing a particular focus, we can still spread the message and invite people to look at what we have to offer. What a privilege it was last meeting to induct 3 new members into our club, something that has not been done for many years. It was also a great honour for our club to sponsor the new Penguin Probus Club, and we wish them every success in the future. A special shout out to John Lamb for the encouragement, support, and guidance he has given the new club.

John Lamb's club talk about the history of Burnie based on an old photo created enormous interest and discussion. Somehow, as only John could, he injected some interesting mythology into the conversation. Old photos may well provide another rich source for club talks, so time to dust off the old photo albums and see what gem you may have lurking and be prepared to share.

The Marinus Link talk was thought provoking and probably raised more questions than answers, it will be great to have a follow up in the next year to get an update and clearer understanding of the project and its implications.

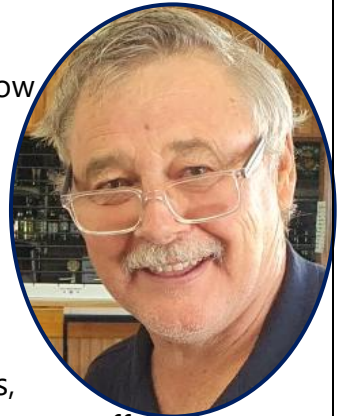
Don't forget Jokes of the Months! I have a friend who has a pet termite called "Clint" named after his favourite actor: Clint Eatswood.

Milestones and Accolades are an important way to recognise our members, so please keep your eyes and ears open.

"I am fully aware of my mortality but I still wake up every morning with a desire to misbehave. Age is not a barrier when you find passion in what you do. The real secret lies in keeping your curiosity alive, continuing to learn, and not letting fear of time stop you from enjoying life. Every day is a new opportunity to create, to laugh, and to show that it is never too late to move forward with enthusiasm and joy." - Anthony Hopkins

I look forward to your company on Monday, October 20th at our next meeting.

Kindest Regards, *David*



September Meeting



First item of business was the induction of three new members, Les Naunton, Kerry Broad and John Simpson. Welcome aboard Gentlemen!!

Birthdays this month were celebrated by Peter Brumby, Peter Holloway and Ant Dry.

Club speaker John Lamb presented some incidental aspects of Burnie's history, with a focus on Wilmot Street. A century-old postcard photograph of the street featuring Charles Broad, grandfather of club members Ian and Kerry, sparked keen interest, giving rise to numerous stories of the past.

Guest Speaker Ken Drake, Community Engagement Officer for Marinus Link presented an enthusiastic picture of the proposed future for the project. He explained that Marinus will be an interconnector, enabling Tasmania and Victoria to trade power. This will give us access to the cheapest power at any given time. It will enable Victoria to keep their lights on using our hydro power. The project is estimated to cost 3.89 billion dollars, with the promise of reducing power prices by \$113 per household per year. It is planned to exploit power from wind farms at St Patrick's Plains, Whaleback Ridge and Robbins Island, all of which, Ken says, are looking optimistic. Approval for the project is yet to be granted by the Australian Energy Regulator. While an Italian company will supply, lay, and connect the cables using Italian labour, it is expected that local business and labour will be involved in the building work at Heybridge. Peter Ansell expressed our appreciation to Ken, who concluded by drawing the raffle.



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Images by Kirby Cunningham



Lunch

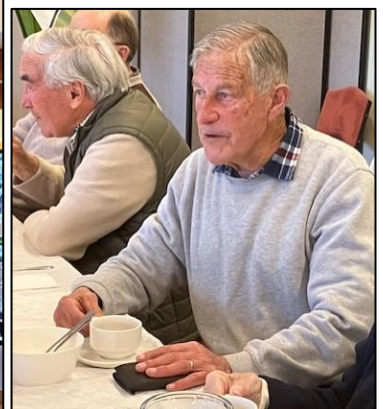
at Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden.



Good
company



Images, Tony Hite



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Introduction to Computing at the Burnie Library

If you are new to computing or want to develop your basic computing skills, then this accredited FREE course is what you need to get started.

You will learn to:

- create and use an email account
- use Google apps
- create documents
- search the internet safely
- protect yourself online
- understand computer jargon

This is a very good course which has been beneficial to members of this Club. It is better to gain the skills yourself than to depend always upon someone else. Give it some thought.

Dates & Times

Burnie Library

Each Wednesday for 8 Weeks: 15 October to 3 December, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Outcome

You will receive a statement of attainment for successfully completed units from 10973NAT – Course in Skills for Further Learning and Engagement.

Interested?

For more information call the Burnie Library on 6477 7400.

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." —
Theodore Roosevelt



Penguin Probus News

Penguin Probus is going from strength to strength. The club, currently with forty financial members, is enjoying enthusiastic support for its numerous social activities.

President **Leonie Bramich**, and Secretary **Jenny Rowden** will be guests at our Club Meeting on October 20th.

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For your Diary

Thursday, **October 9th: Coffee** at Delish at 10:00 am.

Monday, **October 20th: Club meeting** at Mckenna Park.

Club Speaker: Peter Ansell – Artificial Intelligence.

Guest Speaker: David Dean – Forestry in Tasmania.

Thursday, **October 30th: Lunch** at Fish on the Edge at 12:00 for 12:30.



Making a payment to the Club.

If you wish to pay by direct transfer, the codes are: BSB 633-000 Account 112668025.



Coffee at Delish

A keen group of coffee drinkers assembled to enjoy a chat, a cuppa and to try their skill against David's devilish quiz questions.



Images: John Lamb

Wise Words

A lie will travel half way around the world before the truth has put on its shoes.

The truth has no defence against a fool determined to believe a lie.

If a lie be believed only for an hour, it has done its work.

Low-cost bus travel for the club?

Treasurer Tim is looking into a service reportedly offered by Community Transport Service Tasmania enabling clubs like ours to organise social outings for groups of five or more. Return transport to events and venues costs only \$13.10 per person. The only stipulation is that participants must be registered with My Aged Care.

This could be attractive to the club and we will await the outcome with interest.