

PROBUS

What does it do?

The short answer: it does what it likes, within constitutional limits. Probus Clubs meet as frequently as desired, (viz. monthly, fortnightly or weekly), for fellowship, morning tea and/or lunch, a pint and pie, a short business session and to hear an interesting guest speaker.

But that is only the beginning. Many arrange visits to factories, defence establishments, industrial complexes, police stations, and plant nurseries – the places a Rotary Club might be expected to include in its list of vocational visits.

Some enjoy short outings – picnics, visits to gardens and places of scenic or historical interest, braai's and theatre performances.

In Australia many organize extended tours of anything from one day to a few weeks - sometimes as a single club, sometimes in association with other Probus Clubs. These are usually fellowship occasions with spouses and invited friends.

Some Probus Clubs have a number of special interest groups within the club – such as music, art, history, sport, drama, hiking, cycling, philately, numismatics, sailing, and many more.

A Probus Club in fact can provide all the enjoyment of a Rotary club without the obligations of service, the attendance requirements and the classification system.

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The President's Podium

Here we are, well on our way in a new Probus year. Around us it is all doom and gloom with our economy in a recession, interest rates falling, (bad for those dependent on interest bearing investments, good for others), crime, swine flu etc. I think most news agencies have lost the ability to report positively.

We can succumb to the general air of negativity or we can tune ourselves to look at the more positive side of life around us. After all we live in George, one of the most agreeable places in the world, I believe. We have just had a peaceful general election and to crown it all, we hosted the IPC whilst India, the largest democracy did not feel comfortable to have it there during their elections. The Blue Bulls reached the semi-finals and will hopefully be the Three Nations Champions when you read this. We are in the final phase of the run up to the World Cup and all our major centers are bustling with construction work for this event. The



JSE is off it's lowest and for those with money and the appetite for some risk, it is the time to start investing.

The committee and myself have set ourselves the objective to promote a positive attitude in our club. We will strive to find speakers who can motivate us, visit interesting places to see development and to foster close relationships amongst our members. We would like to encourage you to embrace our support group drive and to make a point of it to meet amongst our Probus members and to turn the club into a group of close friends. We would really appreciate your inputs to assist us in reaching our objective for the year.

I would also like to thank the committee for the positive way in which we had our first meeting as well as for their enthusiasm for the task ahead.

I wish you all a very positive and fulfilling Probus year.

Kind regards

Pres Pieter



Probus Nuusbriëf

Townhouse Restaurant

18 Mei 2009

Twenty-two members witnessed Past President Ralph Hagemann confer office on President-elect Pieter Faure. Both gentlemen appeared to be happy with the new status quo, although a hint of seriousness could be noticed on the latter's face, which was confirmed when he made his maiden speech.

- A list of intentions were put on the table, promising a

busy and interesting year ahead.

- Three members offered apology including Master-at-Arms Ron Wiggett who is in hospital.
- Member slots were taken up by Programme Manager Rob Dinnie who asked for talent scouts to be on the lookout for speakers. (Not the Loud type).
- Claude Malan took us all to task for being too formal, quoting a source, saying that extramural activities should be encouraged.
- Ken Bennett urged the committee to do a pick-and-



MIKE WESTON
Crocodile hunter of repute

mix seating plan as he was tired of facing the same guy every time during lunch.

- Ralph offered to obtain a group booking for the musical "Singing in the Rain".

- President Piet wil 'n vrywilliger kry om die Probusvereniging van die Weskaap konferensie by te woon op 29 Junie te Mowbray.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker MIKE WESTON turned out to be a big game hunter of format, and having hunted 7000 crocodiles he can be considered a specialist in the field.



skut.

His opening gambit is that over-hunting of crocs causes an imbalance in the ecosystem and results in an overpopulation of the kind. It seems that the habitat can host a certain number of these animals, and as soon as the population dwindles the breeding seems to over-

rectify and more eggs are hatched than usual.

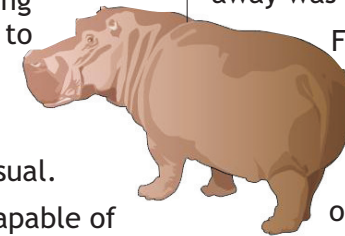
A croc lady is capable of laying 60-80 eggs per annum, and some fall prey to natural predators.

Die tegniek om krokies te jag is om snags met 'n man-aangedrewe roeiboot , bewapen met 'n sterk lig, 'n harpoen en betroubare geweer die rivier af of op te vaar. Krokodille se oë weerkaats die lig en dis dan die mikipunt vir die

One should be careful not to antagonise a hippo which might be foraging near the river banks.

Mike stated that he sold the croc skins for about £50 to a tannery in Paris who added value and their final products fetched huge prices in the fashion world.

The biggest croc he brought home was 16ft 3 inches in length, and the one that got away was about 26 feet long!



For this, his talk and disappointment about the big one, Mike Weston was awarded a bottle of red.

Jack Moolman het die seën gevra en die heildronk op die land ingestel. Die frikadelle was sag en die nagereg pragtig aangebied.

And that's it for now...

PP Paul (Scribe and Photographer)



**In with the New
Out with the Old!
Induction of Pres. Pieter Faure.**