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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

Guest Speaker : This month, definitely, our Guest Speaker is GRAEME TREWARTHA, who will be speaking on "What's Developing In Bendigo". Graeme is the Regional Manager, Northern Region, Regional Development Agency, Department of Manufacturing and Industry Development.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : March, 18, 1992. Who's Who and Who's Doing What.

President	Cyril McDonald	
Vice President	Jim Aitken	
Treasurer	Jock Crook	
Secretary	Bob Chenery	
Committee	Geoff Biles	Ken Coles
	Albie Cooper	Alec Crothers
	Gordon Glover	Colin McLean
	Maurice Pease	
Auditor	Harry Higginbotham	
Capital Theatre Probus Ticket Co-ordinator	Allan Dingle	
Badger	Ray Downey	
Activities Organiser & Proper Officer (for Incorporation)	Arthur Eaton	
Bowls Organiser	Ted Driscoll	
Golf Organisers	Ralph Michell & Jack Watts	
"Probe" Editor	Alec Crothers	
Guest Speaker Organiser	Ray Downey	

COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS' PICNIC : The second Combined Probus Club's Picnic took place on Sunday, March 22. This year the picnic ground was the Echuca Harness Racing Club, with Echuca & Moama Probus Club as hosts. A day of beautiful warm sunshine was enjoyed by members and wives from 17 Probus Clubs.

LES CROOK, the President of the host Club welcomed us, and introduced PETER SCOTT, Mayor of Echuca, and the President of the Shire of Moama, ARTHUR WILSON, who gave us a civic welcome. Later, entertainment was provided by the Echuca Singers who were accompanied by MRS. JEAN CAMPBELL at the organ. Mrs. Campbell also gave us an organ recital. The entertainment was finished off by NOEL THOMAS and the augmented Eaglehawk Choir; those of us who had been too shy to sing along with Mrs. Campbell gave a little greater support to the singers.

RESIGNATION : Last month the Secretary received a letter of resignation from DICK SOUTHBY. Dick has been a member of the Club for most of its history, and it was with regret that the President and Committee accepted his resignation.

A PLEA! : It would be a great help, and save much time, if members had exact change for the payment of monthly dues and other financial commitments.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH. 1992 - "AUTUMN TRIP TO MT. MACEDON"

Garden Tours and Lunch Included

A leisurely trip, designed to tour some of the gardens of Mt. Macedon during the Autumn - a great opportunity for Garden Lovers. **COST** : **$21.00/person** **INCLUDES** : Coach Fare, a morning "Devonshire Tea", a scrumptious lunch of casseroles, salads, choice of desserts and tea or coffee, also includes entrance fees for Garden Tours. **DEPART** : 9:00 a.m. from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street. **ARRIVE HOME** : 5:00 p.m. approx. **Maximum to travel : 49. Current Booking** : 49 + 12 emergencies. **PAYMENTS** : Some yet to be paid, kindly pay at today's meeting.

TRIP OF THE YEAR : 8 Days/7 Nights "FLINDERS RANGES/ROXBY DOWNS"

Saturday September 26th. - Saturday October 3rd. (inclusive).

COST : **$760.00/person** - Includes Coach Fare, Accommodation - D.B.B., plus morning and afternoon teas and all entry fees. Full trip itineries available, either from ARTHUR or HOULDENS TOURS. **CURRENT BOOKINGS** : Currently Full - No Emergencies listed at present. Promises to be an interesting trip with variety, emergencies are invited; if interested, then place your name on the listing for vacancies as they occur.

CAPITAL THEATRE : Due to previous commitments, there will be no performance of **The Good Old Days**, until August 16. The programme is under review and it may perhaps be an entirely different type of programme.

ALLAN DINGLE

BOWLS TEAMS FOR BENDIGO PROBUS : Thursday 16 April, 9:30 a.m.

Bendigo Probus -v- Sandhurst Probus at Woodbury

A. RODGERS	A. SCOTT	E. BEER	A. EATON (S)
R. FITZGERALD	L. DOUGLAS	E. DRISCOLL	V. CANOBIE (S)
W. BELL	C. MICHELSEN	E. HOGAN	R. MARSLEN (S)
D. OPIE	A. MORRIS	G. RAYSON	F. O'CONNELL (S)
J. MC ADAM	R. HOLMES	E. WATERWORTH	K. GLOSTER (S)
J. ROSE	C. WEEKS	A. COURT	K. BARKER (S)
. FOSTER	J. WILSON	J. GRIFFIN	W. WINZAR (S)
A. GRIERSON	R. CHENERY	P. GOODRICH	C. MC DONALD (S)

PROBUS GOLF DAY : Members please note that the Annual Golf Day will be held at Neanger Park Golf Club on Friday the 29th. of May. Play commences at 12:00 noon.

Entry Fee for the day will be $8.00, afternoon tea/coffee included. It would be appreciated if all who will attend (that includes any voluntary assistants as well) notify JACK WATTS or RALPH MICHELL as soon as possible so that suitable catering arrangements can be finalised.

You do not need to be a Golfer to participate - a set of clubs doth not a Golfer make.

RALPH MICHELL

THE NEW PRESIDENT : As reported at the beginning of the edition, the newly elected President of this Club is CYRIL MC DONALD.

We present a brief biography of Cyril to acquaint new members with his history, and to refresh the memory of older members.

CYRIL MC DONALD

The Northern Territory in 1944 was not held in high esteem by the 'Mexicans' (Oz citizens living South of the Border). To many it was the end of the world. Heroic Servicemen, champing at the bit in their anxiety to grapple with the enemy to the North were known to cringe in fear when a posting to Darwin was announced. In fact, such a posting became a punishment for malefactors!

To a young Vic/Railwayman, still wearing the marks of his apprenticeship, a posting 'on loan', to the Commonwealth Railways at the fly-blown, dust-laden town of Katherine must have carried its own share of trauma, if not terror.

His worst fears were confirmed. He was called upon to work in appalling conditions in a make-shift workshop with daily shifts extending for 16 to 18 hours at a stretch.

Mercifully, the stint of duty was not long so the victim, CYRIL MC DONALD, was able to survive with his sanity more or less intact!

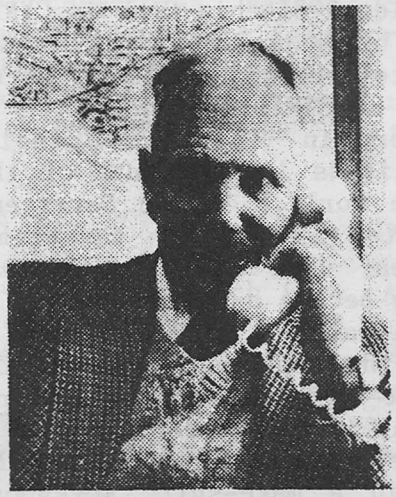
Cyril was the elder of two sons born in Cohuna where his father was a Water Bailiff. Along with fellow-Probian, JIM AITKEN, he gained his Primary education at Mologa State School. For his Secondary education, he attended the West Melbourne Technical College.

In January, 1939 he commenced an apprenticeship with the Victorian Railways at Newport, transferring to Bendigo in April, 1941. Here he remained until 1960 (with the exception of the short, but painful experience outlined above).

In April 1960 he left the Railways to take up a position as Inspector with the Transport Regulation Board in Bendigo. Here his Technical experience enabled him to accept the responsibility for inspecting and enforcing the safety regulations on all buses and taxis as his main duties.

Transferring to Warrnambool in 1972 he was appointed Regional Officer for the area. Here he remained until his retirement in 1983.

Cyril has always been heavily involved in sport, playing competitive football, cricket and tennis and now green bowls. Gardening and motoring fill in the spare corners of his retired life. He is the current Secretary of the Victorian Division of the Sportsmen's Association of Australia and a member of the National Executive.

Married in 1950 and with two children, Cyril was a Foundation member of the Probus Club of Warrnambool, which he joined in March, 1984.

Most importantly, Cyril McDonald is now PRESIDENT of the PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO!