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

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At the 7th Annual General Meeting on March 17, 1993 the new officers elected and appointed were:-

President : Colin McLean

Vice President : Jim Aitken

Treasurer : Jock Crook

Secretary : Bob Chenery

Past President : Bob Holmes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - G. Biles, K. Coles, A. Crothers, M. Pease, R. Michell, R. Reynolds, K. Proud.

AUDITOR - Ron Stanistreet

It was decided that fees and subscriptions should remain the same.

Annual Fee \$15, Nomination Fee \$10, Annual Nomination Fee \$5, Joining Fee \$10.

GUEST SPEAKER The Guest Speaker today is Mr. Harvey Bawden who will be speaking on the subject "Anzac Reflections".

The Speaker at the meeting last month was our new member Rupert Reynolds. Rupert was introduced by Gordon Glover and spoke about his stay in the Pilbara starting in 1984. The Reynolds family lived at Karratha, 1600km north of Perth. This is in the cyclone belt and it averages about 1 cyclone in every 5 years.

As a cyclone approaches there is first a Blue Alert. This may be followed by a Yellow Alert, if the cyclone is imminent, when the instructions are to fill the bath and store food. Finally there is a Red Alert.

Near Karratha there are Aboriginal paintings, but there are no Aborigines living in Karratha.

Karratha houses the work force of Hamersley Iron, the North West Shelf Gas Project, Dampier Salt and other major industrial enterprises. The solar salt works of Dampier Salt exports 1 million tonnes annually to Japan.

Rupert regards his stay in Karratha, where amongst other occupations he was a bus driver and an education officer in the gaol, as a worthwhile experience.

ANNUAL COMBINED PROBUS PICNIC On March 19 at Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk, the Probus Clubs of Bendigo and those of Daylesford, Castlemaine and Maryborough had a combined picnic.

Following the feast there was an entertainment. The Eaglehawk Probus Club choir, with two trumpeters, gave us two items; other musical items were presented by the Kangaroo Flat mixed choir with Betty, and also by the Maryborough Mixed Male Wanderers. Bob Chenery gave us his unique version of Cinderella. All the Probians were welcomed by Lola Millar, the Mayor of Eaglehawk.

VALE At our last meeting a letter of resignation was presented, from Perce Watts. Since then we have received the sad news of Perce's death.

THURSDAY APRIL 22ND, 1993 TRIP TO BALLARAT - SOVEREIGN HILL, DINNER PLUS "SOUND AND LIGHT" SHOW. (Max to travel 49). Cost: \$31/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Dinner, Sound and Light Show. **Depart: Bendigo: 4.00pm. Arrive Home Approx 11.30pm. Dinner: 8.45pm, Sound and Light Show 8.00pm - finish 9.20pm.** The "Sound and Light" Show is an outstanding experience which involves and surrounds the audience. ****Current Bookings: 49 + 11 Emergencies****

FRIDAY/SATURDAY 14TH/15TH MAY, 1993 TRIP TO MORNINGTON PENINSULA AREA. (2 Day/1 Night) (Maximum 44 persons). Cost: \$120/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Dinner Bed and Breakfast, Picnic Lunch (2nd day), Entrance Fees. **Depart Bendigo 7.30am on Friday, arrive Portsea 12 noon.** We take an historic trip of Pt. Nepean on the Tractor/Train (2.00 to 4.00 p.m.) after which we travel to Hastings, our stop for the night, at the Harbour View Motor Inn (6 year old Motel - all ground level twin share - Motel has 4 acres of gardens).

*Takes
Picnic
Lunch
Pt. Nepean*

4pm Ferry
8.00 Home

On Saturday: depart Motel 8.30am and pay a visit to the famous Emu Plains (Red Hill Community Market), travel around the Peninsula to see items of interest. Lunch at Thelma and Dai Martin's beach house. We travel home via Sorrento, travel on the Car Ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliffe and continue homeward through the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong.

PAYMENTS: Final Payment to Houldens Tours by Friday April 16th.
CURRENT BOOKINGS (40) - VACANCIES (4) **EMERGENCIES ARE REQUIRED**

*****A VALUE FOR MONEY TRIP - IT WON'T PAY TO STAY HOME" WEDNESDAY/ THURSDAY JULY 14/15TH - TRIP TO DENILIQVIN - 2 Day/1 Night.**

Deniliquin Clubs - Pokie Bonanza - includes conducted tour of Deniliquin. Stay at Golf Resort Motel. (Maximum 48) **Depart Bendigo Wednesday 14th 9.00am. Arrive Home Thursday 15th 5.00 pm. Cost:** \$30/person, includes; Coach Travel, all meals, accommodation. Listing: today Wednesday April 14th. To get on trip ****Be early**.**

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TRIP OF THE YEAR: THREE STATES INTRIGUE TOUR: (6 Day/5 Nights)

MILDURA - SUNRASIA - BROKEN HILL - LOXTON - RENMARK - BERRI

*********(An interest-packed leisurely trip - covers it all)*********
Staying at Mildura Inlander Sun Resort Motel 1 night Broken Hill. (Late August or Mid September). (Maximum to travel - 48) **Cost:** \$399 Twin Share ******(But I am negotiating for a reduction)
Your Tour price includes: Coach Fare, All Twin Share Accommodation, all cooked breakfasts, multi choice evening meals, all tours including entry fees as per itinerary, local guide.

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AUG 15
FRIDAY 20th
350

Day 1: To Mildura, **Day 2:** Tours in and around Mildura, **Day 3:** Riverland - Loxton, Renmark, Berri, **Day 4:** To Broken Hill - Tours, (Over night Broken Hill), **Day 5:** Tours of Broken Hill and return to Mildura, **Day 6:** Homeward Bound. (**Copy of itinerary at meeting) Listings: Trip Date - at May 20th meeting.

GOOD OLD DAYS Sunday May 16 at the Capital Theatre at 2.00pm.
Cost \$10 each. Payment due today.

This will be a new programme and you are assured of an entertaining performance.

I began my mortal life on the 29th October, 1909 at Kensington and grew up as a lad in the Ascot Vale District where I did my schooling.

The Company I worked with for all my working life commenced business in October, 1922 and I began my career with them in January 1923. The firm started as Motor Spares Import Co. on the corner of Elizabeth and Victoria Streets, Melbourne. The staff were the boss Mr Les Crouch, his niece Ollie Robertson and yours truly Alfred William Grierson.

My next love was cricket but I was not a Donald Bradman and played for Kangaroo Flat in B Grade for three years, then I took up golf with the assistance of one Archie Drummond who created the Kangaroo Flat Golf Club. This was a course with poor terrain so after approximately 10 years told the then Committee of which I was a member, that there was no future for this course and suggested creating one on better country. Knowing the owner and being a close friend I approached him and he agreed for our Club to move to his property and form a club with a fifty year lease which I along with friends started a golf course naming it after the name of the property 'Belvoir Park Golf Club'. This course is now owned by the Club and I was its first President and Life Member.

In my golfing life I met up with some famous people, golfers and dignitaries such as Sir Dallas Brooks, Governor of the State, and on two occasions I was in his company at Peninsula Golf Club with the Australian Open Golf Champion Ossie Pickworth. We played well at the 19th hole after the golf was over. Other notables I met in the golfing world as President of the Northern District in 1946 were Norman Von Nida, Doug Bachli, Bobby Locke the South African golfer and quite a few others. I was playing at the Commonwealth Club with three Bendigo friends and came across Danny Kaye who was having a game with Bill Edgar the club professional. Danny offered to let our party hit off ahead of him as he was in no hurry. I thanked him and stated we were going to the 10th tee. They were at the 1st tee at the time.

I enjoyed a few years running for the Kangaroo Flat Fire Brigade and later the Bendigo Fire Brigade as a Hydrant man in the competitions and won a few trophies too. Whilst running for the Brigade at Geelong I met and married my first wife Ethel Beasley. We were married in 1934 and had a very happy life together. Two sons were born in this union of 29 years but tragedy struck and my dear wife was killed in a car accident with the deaconess of our church. I later married again to the widow of the late Jim Kerr and once again I was fortunate enough to have a happy married life of 27 years with my second wife Doll Kerr (nee Hocking) who I unfortunately lost in July 1992 and of course sadness has struck twice in my married life.

Both my sons have been guest speakers of the Probus Club and their early life and education was in Bendigo. I have been president of several bodies in my time and also hold several life membership badges so you see I have had a long and happy association with many sporting bodies and people of Bendigo.

In conclusion I have had the pleasure of being a foundation member of Bendigo East and Woodbury Bowling Club and the founder of the Belvoir Park Golf Club.

Motor Spares created a new industry in Victoria by importing and selling spare parts for all makes of cars and I was manager of the cycle department running the messages on the cycle and learning to sell the goods to the public. The firm grew from three people originally a privately owned business to a Limited Company with thirty-eight branches throughout Victoria and New South Wales. Our first branch was opened in Geelong and our second in Ballarat and in 1926 our third branch at Bendigo where I was asked to go along under a Mr Menere which I accepted hence me still living in Bendigo.

My boss and his family were friends, that is why I started as a lad and grew to make many good friends in my business world with the company. In 1929 the boss opened a branch at Albury in New South Wales and he asked me to go and take on the task to run it but knowing him personally and with tongue in cheek told him it was too far from Melbourne and to send someone else as I liked the Bendigo people. To my surprise he let me stay and sent the bloke over me to Albury and made me manager at 19½ years of age.

I stayed here until I retired after 43 odd years managing and having the good fortune to meet many fine people and I made a lot of friends in that time along with my friends in the Probuss Club.

In my early days with the firm I had the doubtful distinction of coming face to face with Squizzy Taylor. He and two of his henchmen walked into the shop in Elizabeth Street to buy a mascot for his car and another lad and I knew who he was and we were petrified. We stood there and looked at them and when the boss was getting out the mascots to show Squizzy he turned to me and the other lad and of course we were standing with our mouths wide open, frightened stiff, and Squizzy said to me "I'll bet you boys are little devils with the girls playing kiss in the ring and hide the sausage". Boy, were we frightened.

I was always a lover of sport and started my football career in the association with Kangaroo Flat and later with Golden Square under Alan (Snodger) the father of Graeme Arthur who was at Bendigo High School as a lad with my two sons Denham and Max. I advanced in ability with my football and had six games with Eaglehawk in the league. Tragedy struck and I damaged my knee and Eaglehawk wanted to have it fixed so I could continue playing but I decided enough was enough and I retired and still have the old gammy knee.

OVERALL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: As at 1st March 1993 numbers were are follows: AUSTRALIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TOTAL

	MEMBERSHIP
PACIFIC ISLANDS AND N.Z. CLUBS	Approx 107,900
1,470	
% increase since 31/5/92	% inc. since 31/5/92
6%	2%

Number of Clubs making donations to Probus Centre: 1,030

SURVEY OF PROBUS CLUBS - RETURN DUE SYDNEY 15 JUNE 1993-----

Q. 1 Should the format of Probus Club activities be changed or broadened? If yes, in what ways

Q. 2 The purpose of the Probus Centre is to assist in the extension of Probus in this part of the world and to service existing clubs by way of the following:- Probus Supplies (Badges etc); "How to form a Probus Club" (Manual for Rotary Clubs); Brochures and Publicity Data; Constitutions; Accreditation of New Clubs; Directory of Clubs; "Probus News" (Issued Quarterly). Should the role of the Probus Centre - South Pacific be extended or modified? If yes, in what ways.....

Q. 3 The Probus Centre was originally financed by Rotary, later by donations from the corporate sector and, more recently, by donations from 70% of Probus Clubs. To make this arrangement more equitable:

(a) Do you favour the modest per capita donation of 50 cents from all clubs?

Q. 4 It has been suggested that there should be a national, regional or international association of Probus Clubs for purposes of administration, extension, co-ordination and provision of services to Clubs:-

(a) Do you favour the formation of a national, regional (Australia/New Zealand) or international association of Probus Clubs with officers elected by clubs?

(b) If yes, what should be the functions of the association and how would it be financed and operated?.....

Q. 5 How many members receive PROBUS NEWS?.....
How many members have never seen a copy of PROBUS NEWS?.....
How many members would like to receive PROBUS NEWS in the future?.
Have you any comments or suggestions for the improvement of PROBUS NEWS?.....

Q. 7 Are there any comments or specific recommendations or any aspect the Probus Centre operations or services that your members would like to make?.....