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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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## GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Dr. Ian Gordon, the well-known urologist, who will be speaking about "Good Health in Mature Years".

As our last meeting was also the Annual General Meeting there was little time for a speaker, so your Editor condensed 70 years of living into a 15 minute summary, from youth in the North of England to old age in Bendigo.

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## FOLLOWING OUR MARCH 94 A.G.M. - WHO'S WHO FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS?

President.....Jim Aitken

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Secretary.....Bob Chenery

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Committee....Alan Court....Alec Crothers

Bill Jacka....Ralph Michell

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Auditor.....Ron Stanistreet  
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  
Janitor-In-Chief.....Ralph Michell

Our new President Jim, expressed Club's thanks to retiring Committee members, Robert Holmes; Jock Crook and Ken Coles.

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**TRIPS INFORMATION FOR 1994**

**TUESDAY APRIL 26TH 1994 : TRIP TO TOOLANGI-CENTRAL HIGHLAND FOREST.** Cost is \$25 per person. Departure time is 7.30 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street.

Tour Guide is Brian Garth, former Forest Ranger/Education Officer with extensive knowledge of the Central Highland rain-forest area.

We travel via Kilmore, Whittlesea, Kinglake areas to the picturesque forest hamlet of Toolangi. First stop is at Arden the singing gardens of Poet C.J. Dennis, we stay here for a Devonshire Tea, recital and view the gardens. During the remainder of the day we have much to discover and learn of forest and timber management, biology of our native plants and animals. We visit Demby Timber Mill, stroll on an elevated board walk beside the Sylvia Creek and learn why rain forests are unique. We have our BBQ lunch at the spectacular Murrindindi Cascades. Then on to see more of this beautiful rainforest.

The cost of \$25 includes coach, admissions, devonshire tea and BBQ lunch. Payments to be finalised at meeting. Maximum to travel 49, current 72.

**TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 1994.** (7 day/6 night) Based on Wagga 5 nights and Canberra 1 night. **\*\*Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival\*\*** The Cost is \$420 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation D.B.B., morning and afternoon teas and entry fees.

Sunday: to Wagga, Monday: tours Wagga area, Tuesday: to Canberra (o/night Canberra), Wednesday: tours Canberra and return to Wagga, Thursday: tour to either Temora or Cowra area, Friday: tour to Narrandera/Lecton, Saturday: depart Wagga for home. "A beauty - don't miss out".  
Maximum 46, current 56. Emergencies required - open to friends. Payment of deposit of \$25 per person due at April 20th meeting please. Listing in alphabetical order of first 46 bookings at table.

**STEAM TRAIN - VINTAGE RAIL TRIP - BENDIGO-ECHUCA STEAM RALLY SATURDAY JUNE 11TH, 1994 \*\*Operators unable to confirm\*\***

**TRIP TO MT. AITKEN VINEYARD RECEPTIONS: THURSDAY JUNE 23RD 1994 - "XMAS DINNER IN JUNE - The trip with a difference".**

The cost is approximately \$28 per person which includes coach, Xmas dinner, wine tasting and Art Gallery. Maximum 49. Departure time is approximately 9.00 a.m. and arrival time is approximately 5.00 p.m.

Mt. Aitken Vineyard Receptions is situated in the Gisborne area. En route to Mt. Aitken we will visit areas of interest. At Mt. Aitken we will be treated to wine tasting and partake of a traditional 3 course Xmas dinner. Later, an opportunity to browse in the Art Gallery.

List tabled at April 20th Meeting. Payments by May 18th Meeting.

Arthur Eaton (Phone 43 9162)

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#### **TRIP REPORT**

A coach load of members, wives and friends headed north towards Deniliquin on March 10. On the first day we saw performances by sheep dogs, herding sheep and ducks, with explanations and commentary by their master. He followed this with a whip cracking demonstration. After a barbecue lunch we had the opportunity to look at the museum and watch a film "Struggle for water". A brief tour of Deniliquin followed, with a commentary by Gaye Riggall, a former Shire President. Eventually we headed for the Rice Mill where we heard about the production, milling and marketing of the rice. Back in the town we inspected the Pioneer Gardens with also a collection of steam engines and pumps.

On the second day we had a new guide, Barbara Finn, who showed us more of the town and the surrounding area. Then we moved on to Boonoke, the property owned by News Ltd., the world's largest merino sheep stud. It was Boonoke's open day for the Riverina Merino Field Days, with displays of rams, industry tent displays and an inspection of the woolshed and shearing.

As usual the weather was beautiful, until we were leaving Conargo when we left in a short, intense downpour of rain.

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### PROBUS PICNIC DAYLESFORD

After a warm welcome by the Mayor Meg Elliott we were directed to our respective buses for a guided tour of the town. John Tarodus, equally proud of his local knowledge as he was of his Greek ancestry kept us entertained by his local knowledge as the bus travelled through Hepburn Springs and Daylesford business centre to Victoria Park, home of the Showgrounds and a well planned caravan park. Next to Jubilee Lake an attractive boating resort and site of another caravan park. Returning townwards we called in to Lake Daylesford, site of the original gold find and now a popular picnic and boating resort.

On to the beautiful Botanic Gardens on Wombat Hill where the bus had a slight disagreement with Selwyn before reaching the top. Here we were amazed at the magnificent beauty of the begonias, this year judged better than Ballarat.

After topping up on ice cream and drinks at the Kiosk, we returned to the Springs area completing a very pleasant enjoyable day. Then home, on time as always, a happy and satisfied group.

Thanks to Arthur and Bob.

Reported by Alf Whatmore.

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### \*\*PROBE CONTRIBUTORS - PLEASE NOTE\*\*

The next issue of Probe will be the Special 100th Edition, so please submit any material for inclusion by Saturday 30th April.

Alec Crothers.