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PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INC.

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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.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 2 Cook Street, Bendigo, 3550.

GUEST SPEAKER - The Speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Keith Falconer, whose subject is "Eavesdropping"

Our last meeting, in March, was the Annual General Meeting, so we had no speaker, instead we had election of new officers and committee.

President : M. Pease

Immediate Past President : J. Aitken

Vice-President : R. Michell

Treasurer : G. Biles

Secretary : K. Coles

Committee : A. Court, A. Crothers, W. Jacka,

C. McLean, K. Proud, E. Waterworth

Auditor : R. Stanistreet

Trips Organiser : A. Eaton

Guest Speaker Organiser : J. Watts

FEES On the recommendation of the Treasurer it was agreed to leave the subscription fees unchanged, namely -

Members \$15 p.a.

Joining Fee \$ 10

Nomination Fee \$10

Annual Renewal of Nomination \$5

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - 10 YEARS - TRIPS 1985 TO 1995

On foundation of the Probus Club of Bendigo in 1985 I was entrusted with the position of Tours Organiser and this has been my speciality for a continuous period of ten years, a responsibility which I have enjoyed.

Trips and outings are one of the lifelines of Probus; we have travelled locally, within Victoria, Interstate and Overseas, have travelled over land, on the water and in the air. We have travelled by Coach, Rail and Airplanes, have experienced the wonders of nature: scenery, plants and native fauna with which both our State and Australia abounds.

We have been on top of mountains, down mines, been in lush tropical and rain-forests and to arid areas. We have sampled the delights of both our own and foreign foods, sampled a great variety of Australian Wines, and some cheese, attended live shows, T.V. shows, theatre restaurant, visited radio and newspaper establishments.

We have visited some of the most beautiful gardens in Victoria at Macedon, The Rhododendron Gardens, a Tulip Farm and visited Ballarat Begonia Festival, Garden World was a delight.

Our industrial visits have included Railways, S.E.C., Motor Car Manufacturers, Textiles, Ceramics, Potteries, Rice Mills, Dairy Products, Food Processing and Fruit Canneries.

Over the years visits were made to a variety of Wineries and Wine Cellars both in Victoria and Interstate, providing many pleasant wine tasting experiences.

Farming visits have included Sheep Stud Farms, Tomato growing, Citrus Growing and the Riverina Field Day at Boonoke.

The trips have included many heritage attractions, the fully restored old homes of Monte Christo at Junee and Nooralim at Murchison. The Rural Museum at Temora was excellent, covering a wide ranging cross section of our early days.

Knowledge of how Parliament functions at both State and Federal levels was gained during visits to Melbourne and Canberra, at each of which we visited both Upper and Lower Houses whilst Parliament was in session.

We have now participated in 104 organised trips and outings of varying durations and great variety. A check of records indicated our 100th trip was the "Trip of The Year" Wagga/Canberra/Riverina, from September 18th to 24th, 1994. The Combined Probus Picnic on March 17th will be our 105th. Organised trips have taken the hassle out of travel, presented the opportunity to visit attractions we otherwise would not have visited, to make new friends and to share in the enjoyment of new experiences.

Highlights over the 10 year period include: Singapore and Hong Kong, Expo in Brisbane, The Snowy Mountains, Tall Ships for the Bicentennial, The Famous Flying Scotsman and Riverina Field Day at Boonoke.

There have been nine major "Trips of the Year" of approximately one week or more duration, nine trips of 2/3 day duration, the remainder being shared by trips/outings of one day and a few of 1/2 day.

The success of the trips are due to Probians caring and sharing, our Collectors of Trips monies, Treasurers and Secretaries, Editors of "Probe" past and present, our "Chief Badger" and to our travellers who over the years have maintained constant support for scheduled trips. "Thanks to all".

A point of interest, over the 10 year period, monies paid in for Trips would aggregate approximately \$100,000.00.

Arthur Eaton,
Trips Organiser.

PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK

The Combined Probus Picnic was at Hanging Rock this year, organised by the Strathdale Probus Club in conjunction with the Woodend Probus Club. We were favoured with beautiful weather, enhancing our appreciation of the setting and the organisation (Including entertainment).

In addition to the clubs from Bendigo there were parties from Woodend, Daylesford, Gisborne, Glenroy, Maryborough, and even one member from Mildura; a total of 394 participants.

For some, the highlight of the entertainment was the performance by the Corps de Ballet, others perhaps appreciated the double act of Jack and Ron. The finale was Community Singing led by Max Lang with Marg MacDowell at the keyboard.

----- TRIP TO ROYAL MELBOURNE ZOO

After a comfortable trip to Melbourne we arrived at the Zoo in plenty of time to find seats for the concert by the R.A.A.F. Band. The conductor obviously had taken into account the "Maturity" of his audience and the band played many toe-tapping numbers from yester-year, which were much appreciated by the listeners.

Speaking of numbers it was amazing how the Zoo absorbed the very large crowd without giving the feeling of being overcrowded. The Zoo authorities are to be congratulated on the way they have created a natural environment for many of their exhibits and allowed the general public to view most of the animals at close range, without the need for cages and iron bars.

Perhaps a little of the magic of wonder that we all felt on the first occasion that we visited the zoo, as children, returned on this day to make it a most enjoyable experience.

P.S. Arthur you have done it again. The weather was perfect for the occasion and the organisation, as usual spot on - thank you Arthur.

Peter Goodrich.

TRIPS INFORMATION FOR APRIL 1995 - THURSDAY APRIL 27TH - TRIP TO DONALD - Depart 8.00 a.m. from Strathdale Community Centre, home 6.00 p.m. Maximum 49 - Current 49. Additional Emergencies Required. Donald welcomes Clubs to visit for an exciting and interesting trip. A "fun filled day" with inspections of local industries and direct to public sales, under guidance of local hostess Mrs. Janet Wood. First visit Kooka's Country Cookies factory, inspection, free coffee and tasting of biscuits. Visit Maxwell's "old style bakery". Take your own Picnic lunch. Donald inspection tour is free. FULL COST: \$11.00/person.

THURSDAY MAY 18TH - TRIP AROUND GUNN'S SWAMP - Maximum 49 - Current 58. Depart 8.15 a.m. and arrive home approx. 6.00 p.m. An interesting and enjoyable trip is assured. We first travel to Waranga Basin Caravan Park for morning tea, then on to Tatura German War Cemetery (Tour and Guide). Visit Dhuringhil Homestead/Prison (Tour and talk); passing Goulburn Weir, to Chateau Tabilk for a tour, wine tasting and afternoon tea. COST: \$20.00/person. Includes coach, tours, pack lunch, morning and afternoon teas. Please finalise payments at April 19th Meeting.

TRIP OF THE YEAR : LAKES ENTRANCE/GIPPSLAND LAKES - (5 day/4 night) THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1995.

This is a beauty - value for money, scenic trip - book early. COST: \$325/person. Includes coach fare, accommodation, dinners, bed and breakfasts and entry fees. At George Bass Motor Inn in Lakes Entrance. Motel has panoramic views of sea and lakes.

DAY 1 Travel to Melbourne and through rich dairy pastures of Gippsland, inspection of power generating facilities at Morwell, view the hand painted ceilings of St. Mary's Church, Bairnsdale. Arrive at our Lakes Entrance Motel, where we stay 4 nights.

DAY 2 Trip through Buchan Valley, visit Buchan Caves, guided tour of Ramsdell Timber Mill display centre. Visit Braeburn Park Orchard, sample award winning jams and preserves. On to Wyanga Park Winery. Return to Lakes Entrance aboard the "Corque" Lake Cruiser.

DAY 3 A local guide gives a fascinating tour of Gippsland Lakes, travel to Metung, Paynesville and Bairnsdale. Visit Lake Bunga, Lake Tyers and Bullock Island.

DAY 4 Visit Sea Shell Museum. Guided tour Nyermylang Park, rose garden. After lunch board the Thunderbird Catamaran for a "sensational cruise" of inland waterways.

EVENING - Live entertainment and sing-alongs.

DAY 5 Head for home, on way home, to be arranged, visit to another attraction/attractions.

LISTING - to be tabled at April Meeting. Be early. DEPOSITS at our May 17th meeting (To Probus Collectors). FINAL PAYMENTS by September 14th. (To Southern Cross Travel Bendigo).

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - LIVE STAGE SHOW - PRINCESS THEATRE MELBOURNE
SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" is the sensation of the U.S. Stage, breaking Broadway's all time box office records against "Phantom of the Opera" and "Miss Saigon." Here with an all Australian Cast. MATINEES: Wednesdays at 1.00 p.m. ESTIMATED COST: \$78/per. Includes coach and entry to show. If sufficient interest could book for a coach or part coach. LISTING for expressions of interest at April 19th Meeting - if sufficient interest then would fix a date.

PLEASE ASSIST OUR TRIPS COLLECTORS - clearly identify yourself, tender correct amount of monies, or if paying by cheque, prefer one for each trip; if by one cheque for more than one trip please indentify payments by an attachment or on back of cheque. Volunteers "to assist collectors as required" Advise Geoff Biles.

Arthur Eaton (Tours Liaison)
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BOWLS REPORT Bendigo Probus Bowls section were unsuccessful in the Bendigo and District Probus Bowls Championship, for which the blame is ascribed to the absence of two top skippers, Reg Marslen and Herb Hesse. Only one section was won, the winning team being Jack Rose, Ted Driscoll, Ken Gloster and Frank O'Connell (Skipper).

The next game is on Thursday, April 13th, playing Sandhurst, who won the B. & D. P. B. Championship.

We all wish to express our sympathy to Mike Atkinson for the loss of his wife.

******MARCH MIX UP******

The copies of Probe which were posted out were incomplete. Revised copies were available at the meeting and if any member missed out on receiving one, we have further copies available at today's meeting.
