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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.

Replacement Secretary to be advised.

Our Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Jenny Ellis who is Director of Nursing at the Rochester Hospital.

The Annual General Meeting held last month produced a number of changes to the Office Bearers as follows as follows:-

President:- Bill Jacka Secretary:- Vacant Treasurer:- Rupert Reynolds

Asst. Treasurer:- Ern Waterworth Hon. Auditor:- Ron Stanistreet

Committee Members:- Alan Court, Maurice Pease, Bill Clements, Ern Haterworth,
Kevin Houlahan.

Following Bill Jacka's installation as President, Kevin Houlahan thanked Ralph Michell for a very successful year. The Past President's report indicated he had dutifully carried out his position as our President for 1996/97.

After morning tea we were treated to some fine singing by the 3 Fivers -Gordon Glover, Clive Miller and Arthur Cowling, and to top off this segment John Stephen's singing was greatly appreciated. Jock Crook and Ted Jenkins played their recorders to demonstrate the melodious sounds these instruments can produce. And then Arthur Cowling gave us a recitation of Banjo Patterson's poems. Finally our thanks to Marg McDowell for her fine playing on the piano as accompanist.

CONGRATULATIONS

The irrepressible Gordon Glover has qualified to join the OBE's. Did you know members can purchase an OBE badge – gold plated for \$25.00 from OBE Pty Ltd, 3 Warrawa Avenue, Pymble NSW 2073.

VALE SYD JOHNSON

Past President Ralph requested to record his appreciation to those members, who attended the service for Syd at Holy Trinity Church.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

This listing of members is a handy guide to get to know your fellow Probians. If you know of any alteration please advise the Secretary at today's meeting.

ADAVANCE INFORMATION

The Maryborough Probus Club Annual Picnic will be held on November 26th.

ANNUAL PROBUS PICNIC REPORT APRIL 20th 1997

This was held at Lake Weeroona on a fine but slightly over cast day. 170-180 Probians registered and were welcomed by Mayor Megan Weston, she gave the Greater City Bendigo a boost. A bus load of Probians arrived from Maryborough and helped make the picnic special. On registering we were given a concession voucher enabling holders to visit the Chinese Museum and Gardens at a special price.

(Bendigo Club had only a small representation).

The venue was ideal – water fountain features and a lot of birdlife added to a peaceful setting. Our compliments to organisers:- Ladies Probus Club & Kangaroo Flat.

President Bill Jacka

MYSTERY EVENING OUT IN BENDIGO

Well, the mystery evening out is no longer a mystery for those whose curiosity encouraged them to attend. The mystery deepened as the coaches left Strathdale and headed out through Flora Hill and Golden Square. Speculation increased after we crossed High Street but soon we arrived at our first destination, the Schweppes Centre. This stadium is a great asset to Bendigo and as we sat enjoying our very pleasant three course meal we were able to look down on the volley ball courts where dozens of young people were enthusiastically engaged in healthy sport. What a pity these good young citizens don't get as much publicity as those who vandalise our city because they are bored and have nothing to do.

After being piped back onto the coach by Scottish piper Albert Dole, we arrived shortly at Forest Street Uniting Church Hall where we were entertained for the next two hours by the Cornish Choir. What a delight it was to sit back and enjoy the many beautiful tunes we knew so well, ably presented by choristers who obviously enjoyed what they were doing. To add more smiles to the already smiling faces of our members Jock McOrist tried to explain the problem of how the little liver pill found your liver when you are ill, and why golf is such a frustrating game, to the delight of all present. After the entertainment our members were able to mix with the choir to thank them personally and renew acquaintances. Then to the sound of the pipes it was back on board the coach for the last venue.

Bendigo and District Serviceman's Club was the last destination for the evening and it was here that we partook of a very well prepared and presented buffet supper. Whilst many of us did terrible things to our diets, Jack Paynting and his mate Norm added much laughter to the many other pleasant experiences we had during the evening.

Many thanks to all those who were involved in transporting us, entertaining us and catering for us, and a very special thank you to Cliff Binks for planning the whole evening, and then ensuring that all went according to plan, so that we all enjoyed a very pleasant and happy "mystery evening out".

Thank you Cliff.

Peter Goodrich.

BOWLS

Our Club played in the District Probuss Clubs competition coming 4th.

Our best team was R.Fitzgerald. A.Court. R.Gloster. R.Marslen.

On Thursday 17th April we play Sandhurst Probuss at Woodbury - 9.30 for 10.00am start.
See Lisiting.

BOWLS AT WOODBURY APRIL 17th

TEAMS

D. OPIE	E. HOGAN	A. COURT	W. CLEMENS (s)
R. HOLMES	A. EATON	K. GLOSTER	H. HESSE (s)
R. DOWNEY	L. ROY	W. WINZAR	R. MARSLÉN (s)
J. ROSE	E. WATERWORTH	G. RAYSON	V. CANOBIE (s)
J. LAIDLER	P. GOODRICH	F. O'CONNELL	A. CLOUGH (s)
J. KELLY	J. STEVEN	R. HOLLAND	A. STEVENS (s)

Assemble at 9.30am for 10am start

RESERVES

R. FITZGERALD
W. BELL
G. GLOVER
A. WILSON
O. WATSON

GOOD NEWS

Jim Aitkin is progressing well after heart surgery. He was expected home by Friday 4th April. We look forward to your attendance again at Probus, Jim, after you have run-in your new engine.

TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY APRIL 17th, 1997 – “OUT OF TOWN MYSTERY TRIP” (Cliff Binks)
Depart Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. 8.30am. Home approx 6pm.

COST: \$32/person Includes:- coach, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and three tours.

MAXIMUM: (53), Current Bookings (66)

FRIDAY MAY 9th TO MONDAY MAY 12th, 1997 (4 DAY/3 NIGHTS)

MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON PASSENGER VESEL “PROUD MARY” Max (35)

Depart Friday May 9th. 8.00AM From Strath Community Centre, Crook Street.

Current Bookings (35) *(Emergencies: (1), further required).

COST: \$435.00/person twin share. (Based on 30 paying travellers).

Includes:- road coach, Proud Mary package and Murray Bridge Motor Inn (D.B.B.)

Copies of Itineraries available. **Insurance available.

THURSDAY JUNE 19th, 1997 TRIP TO MELBOURNE – NEW CASINO (Max 49)

The “New Melbourne Hotel, Entertainment, Casino and Convention Complex” will be officially opened during April. The new building, contains shops, restaurants, theatres etc And a magnificent new Casino Complex. There is a lot to do and to see in the complex. I have secured an attractive package comprising, a Bus subsidy, Smorgasboard Lunch, and Pokies Vouchers. “Be Early, don’t miss out”. An opportunity to see the latest jewel in Melbourne’s crown.

COST: \$11.00/person. LIST: April 16th PAYMENT: May 21st.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18th TRIP TO MELBOURNE – VISITS/TOURS TO:-
CARLTON BREWHOUSE AND VICTORIAN ARTS CENTRE.

COST: \$22/person. Includes coach fare and entrance fees.

DETAILS & LIST at May 21st Meeting. PAYMENTS: July 16th meeting.

TRIP OF THE YEAR: FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th TO TUESDAY OCTOBER 14th 1997
5 DAY/4 NIGHTS – MARY LYNN – (MARYSVILLE)

MAXIMUM (46) CURRENT (73)

COST: \$300/person. Includes:- coach, en suite accommodation, all meals, supper, use of all resort facilities, coach tours (daily) to local attractions. Evening entertainment.

FINAL PAYMENT: 11th September 1997.

TRIP TO R.A.A.F. MUSEUM POINT COOK WERRIBEE WILD LIFE SAFARI PARK
Possible date: During 3rd week in November.

COMBINED RAIL & ROAD COACH DAY TRIPS (TUES, WEDS, THURS)

ECHUCA V/LINE ROAD COACH

Full Fare \$25.00 Concession \$20.00 Concession with free voucher \$17.00

Includes: Coach and Entry Fees

Depart Bendigo 11.00am – Arrive Echuca 12.40pm. VISIT Port of Echuca, Sharpes
Movie House Penny Arcade, 1 hour cruise of P.S. Canberra.

DEPART Echuca 4.40pm – ARRIVE Bendigo 6.00pm

COMBINED RAIL, ROAD & FERRY

Full Fare \$49/person, Concession \$30, Concession with free voucher \$17 (covers travel
content only).

Bendigo-Melbourne-Frankston (Train) Coach to Sorrento. Ferry Sorrento to
Queenscliffe, Coach Queenscliffe to Geelong, Train Geelong to Bendigo. Tue/Wed/Thur.

**Can be arranged for Groups of (20) escorted – prebooked.

** (Individuals & smaller groups/not escorted – book as required).

Arthur Eaton
Trips Organiser

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Read this carefully and I think you would have to agree.

Although the stronger sex thinks the weaker sex is the weaker sex –

But the weaker sex is really the stronger sex, because of the weakness of the stronger sex
for the weaker sex.

STOP PRESS

Our newly appointed Secretary Stan Gillam has undergone urgent eye surgery and will be
out of action for three months.

Our best wishes to Stan during his time of convalescence.
