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

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As today's meeting the Guest Speaker is Brian Baker who will be speaking on his experiences as Regional Manager, Missionary Aviation Fellowship at Mount Hagen P.N.G.

At the Annual General Meeting held last month the following were elected as Office Bearers:

President:	Ern Waterworth
Vice-President:	Alan Court
Secretary:	Arthur Cowling
Treasurer:	
Auditor:	Ron Stanistreet
Immediate Past President:	Kevin Houlahan
Committee Members:	Geoff Biles
	Bill Clemens
	Ralph Michell
	Clive Miller
	Maurice Pease


INDUCTIONS

President Ern was inducted by Immediate Past President Kevin Houlahan. Thanks and appreciation of the Club Members was expressed by Maurice Pease.




SUBSCRIPTION FEE

The Treasurer recommended that the annual fee should remain as \$20.



PASSED AWAY


Before the meeting President Kevin announced the sad news that Dr. Eugene Sandner, one of the foundation members of the club had died. He called for a period of silence in respect.



"GUEST" SPEAKER

Following the Annual General Meeting the normal monthly meeting proceeded but we had no guest speaker. Instead our own member Jim Aitken was introduced by Ken Coles and Jim gave us a brief account of the Chaplaincy Committee. The committee, with 15 members, supports 2 chaplains. This involves considerable expense, and funds are raised in a number of ways, an Op Shop, catering facilities (with 20 catering volunteer workers), private donations and donations from churches, schools and Bendigo City Council. Besides the financial needs of the chaplains, St. Luke's and Outreach are beneficiaries of the Op Shop. Last year \$45,000 was raised, including \$11,000 from catering, which includes prison catering.

The Probus coffee mug was presented to Jim by Alan Court.



PROBUS TRIP TO MELBOURNE: THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 1999

The delightful morning of the 25th February saw the departure of a coach load of Bendigo Probians to Melbourne, to enjoy a visual feast of architectural delights from the heady gold rush days.

En-route an enjoyable and relaxing short break was the order of the day at a big "M" complex, satisfying the hunger and thirst of our adventurous travelers. Our architectural feast commenced with the A.N.Z Gothic Bank. In entering the banking chamber we were confronted with a large area, the upper section being supported by a series of cast iron columns, terminating on the corners of magnificent ceiling panels. These were hand painted and gilded; displayed in the centre of each panel was a shield bearing the coat of arms of England, Scotland or Australia. An extra large ceiling panel featured a copper-framed skylight.

The paneled office and banking fittings were polished Australian Blackwood, carved by local craftsmen.

Next we viewed the "Cathedral Room" with its six great Harcourt granite columns, said to weigh between 16-20 tons each. From these, multiple grained arches spring to the ceiling. A unique setting of glass tiles in the centre of the floor gave height to the basement below and fine dado paneling in Cedar and Walnut complemented with some beautiful gothic leadlighting windows made for some very pleasant viewing.

We then viewed the link up from the "old" bank to the new multi-storey tower through a glass roofed atrium, then set sail for the banking museum which sets out to display and tell the story of Australia's banking heritage. This display is outstanding and to absorb its potential you would need to spend a lot more time (viewing and reading) here.

A visit to 333 Collins Street was to reveal a beautifully restored and recently re-painted and gilded (gold) dome of what was the old Commercial Bank of Melbourne, a very stunning piece of architecture. While up the street a little we viewed the extremely ornate ceilings, columns and decorative paneling of the banking chamber of what was the "Bank of New Zealand".

After this architectural feast we departed to "Dai Maru" to feast the inner person and view the "Fob Watch" in action.

Then to the Toy Museum, what a nostalgic delight. You name it; it was there, toys that were over 100 years old to our present day space and futuristic toys, it seemed a pity that there was not more space available to display this collection to its full potential.

Afternoon tea was very much appreciated. We returned home much wiser and very thankful that our "Mr. A. E." had produced the goods once again, along with his perfect weather.

John Stephens



PROBUS TRIP ON WEDNESDAY 24TH, MARCH 1999

The members, who traveled down to Melbourne this day, had an excellent day. The purpose was to see the musical "Showboat" and we all enjoyed a first class show. The casting was great, the singing whether solo, duet or chorus was excellent. The costumes were first class and the scenery, including the changes was miraculous.

During the journey down we were given two news items; it was the 90th birthday of Bob Holmes, incredible though that seems and earlier that morning Norma and Cliff Binks had received the news of the birth of their first great grandchild.

ACTIVITIES

BOWLS NOTES

On Monday 22nd, March 1999, 20 Bowlers from our club journeyed to Castlemaine for the combined Probus Bowls Day.

Seven Probus Clubs attended and a total of 28 teams participated. At the day's end Bendigo Probus were the victors with 131 points and were presented with the perpetual shield. We also won the honor of conducting next year's event. Our most successful rink was Skipped by Herb Nesse with Col Turner, Aurthur Morris and Les Nankervis. Well done Bowlers!

Teams Selected For Grudge Match Against Sandhurst At Woodend on Wednesday 28th, April 1999 for Perpetual Trophy.

R. Holland – J. Laidler – L. Roy – M. Boyd

J. Kelly – O. Watson – E. Waterworth – A. Stephens

A. Dingle – R. Chenery – W. Winzar – V. Canobie

J. Rose – A. Court – W. Clemens – F. O'Connell

H.Hesse – A. Eaton – E. Driscoll – G. Glover

9.30 am for 10.00 am start. Regulation Dress.



Bill Clemens

TRIP ITEMS FOR 21ST APRIL, 1999, ISSUE OF "PROBE"

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL. TRIP TO KYNETON.

Maximum 48: Current: 48

Depart: 8.30 am from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Home approximately 5.15 pm.
Experienced local guide for full day. Town tour-items of interest. Also, during the day visits and conducted tours of John Brown, Kyneton Fine China, Kyneton Woolen Mill, Wine Tasting and the Kyneton Museum, which is considered to be excellent – a great trip.

COST: \$20.00/person. INCLUDES: Coach, entry fees, lunch pack (morning tea and afternoon tea of tea/coffee and biscuits).

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE. "XMAS IN JUNE" DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Location: Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE Restaurant.

**An excellent meal served by TAFE Hospitality Centre.

**This, by popular demand, is being arranged by Cliff Binks.

COST: Approx: \$17.00 - \$20.00. INCLUDES: Meal and Entertainment.

LIST: At April 21st Meeting. PAYMENTS: May meeting. Maximum 80

SUNDAY 25TH JULY TO SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST: TRIP OF THE YEAR.

** To Southport (Gold Coast, Queensland) – Harbour Side Resort. 15 days 14 nights.

Departs: Sunday 25th, July. Return: Sunday 8th, August.

** Sungold Holidays ** 4 Star Resort ** All modern facilities.

** Sungold Package which includes: Accommodation (Twin Share), private facilities, dinner, bed, breakfasts and morning tea most days,

Lunches: First week 2, second week 2, tours on 5 days each week.

** COST: Of 15 days/14 nights package:

** TOTAL COST: Per person

\$1,410.00

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: *** At 16th June meeting.

MAXIMUM: 48 Current: 47 *** Vacancy: 1 Male, Twin Share.





POSSIBILITIES OF A NEW ZEALAND TRIP:

Either Autumn or Spring 1999

EVERGREEN TOURS (AUST) – GRP SALES MANAGER. Confident of good deal.

** Evergreen Aust & New Zealand brochures distributed at March 17th meeting, more copies available.

** Prices for Grp travel: starting with 10 and multiples of 10, would be less than those shown in brochures.

** A listing of those who have signified their interest in such a trip “without being committed” will be tabled at the April 21st meeting.

** Any others interested are invited to add their names to the listing.

** When in possession of Group Booking details/costs, I will arrange a meeting with all those interested to discuss their preferences for: which trip, duration, costing and for dates of travel. Current expressions of interest are very encouraging.

** To assist collectors, please tender correct money. If payment by cheque, please ensure details written on back of cheque.

Arthur Eaton
Tours Organizer

The editor wishes to thank all those who contributed to the reports.

