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

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**The Guest Speaker today is John Willis,
a representative of the
Golden City Support Services, Creek Street.
Mr Willis was formerly with Yooralla.**

Last Month's meeting was the Annual General Meeting, so there was no guest speaker.



Two men were dining together in a restaurant and when asked for the cheque the waitress said, "Do you want them separate or together?"

One of the men said, "Separate Please".

She turned to the other and said, "Do you want yours separate too?"



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Newly elected officers:

President	Alan Court
Vice-President	Bryan Armstrong
Secretary	Bob Chenery
Treasurer	Ken Coles
Activities Officer	Arthur Eaton
Auditor	Geoff Biles
Public Officer	Ken Coles

Committee

Bill Clemens, Ted Driscoll, Bruce Michelsen, Barry O'Brien

Probe Editor Alec Crothers

Following the recommendations of the Hon. Treasurer, the following revisions to fees and subscriptions were made:

Annual Subscription from	\$20.00 to \$25.00
Joining Fee	No Change
Nomination Fee	No Change
Annual Nomination Fee	No Change
Meeting Fee	From \$2.00 to \$3.00

Annual Subscriptions are due from today. The Treasurer has made arrangements to receive payments. Today and from now on, the Meeting Fee is \$3.00

As Victoria is now back on Eastern Standard Time, today's Meeting will start at 10.00am. Committees Meeting at 9.00am

Bowls Notes

After a magnificent victory at the Probus Bowls Championship in February, we were brought back to earth when soundly defeated by Woodbury 106 shots to 77 in our visit to that club in March. As I said in February Bowls Notes, Bowls is a funny game. Our best rink at Woodbury was Skipped by Ray Fitzgerald with Len Roy and Maurice McDonald assisting.

Our April game is the Annual Challenge against Sandhurst Probus at Woodbury on Thursday April 15th. Skippers will notify teams.

Bill Clemens

*Very, very, very few
People die at ninety-two.
I suppose that I shall be
Safer still at ninety-three.*



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY 22nd APRIL. - LOCAL AREA TRIP - VISIT (2) ATTRACTIONS

Maximum: (22) With a Light Morning Tea & Lunch included.

Current Bookings: (21) * Vacancy for (1), Emergencies required**

Road Coach - Depart: 8.45am from Strath Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

COST: \$25.00 per Person Includes: Coach Fare, Entry Fees, Light M/Tea & Lunch

\$16.00 per person includes: Coach Fare, Entry Fees, Light M/Tea

Road Coach:

Travel per Road Coach where our first visit is to "Confectionery Capers" (the name is a Marketing theme.) which is situated 10 km East of Bendigo. This attraction is: Entertaining, Surprising, Puzzling, Intriguing and Educational, there is **much of interest** for both young and old. At the conclusion, if you wish can purchase some of the World's best Jelly Beans. **The venue is well set out on level floor space.**

Visit concluded we depart Confectionery Capers for our **second venue** which is to "Living Wings & Things" which is situated nearby the Bendigo Pottery. Walk through the Tropical Butterfly House featuring hundreds of free flying Butterflies. Walk among the many beautiful coloured Parrots and take the opportunity to **see many other species.** (Toilets: together with Disabled access and facilities.) Whilst here **we have a Cuppa & Biscuits** in pleasant outside surroundings, or if required may be inside.. There is ample seating.

We depart "Wings & Things" per Road Coach and **return to Crook St. Car Park arriving at 12 noon.**

LUNCH at 12.30pm: Is a Chinese Smorgasboard (with a variety of dishes - eat as much as you wish)
Lunch Venue is at the House of Khong it is situated at 200 Hargreaves St. **near Multi Story Car Park.**

**** Use own cars to travel from Crook Street to the House of Khong.**

LITTLE DESERT TOUR: Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd September. (3 Days/2Nights)

Staying at Little Desert Lodge (Near Nhill in Victoria.) Have you seen TV Advert?

Maximum: (40) Current Bookings: (42) * Emergencies required:**

COST: \$264.00/Person. Includes: Road Coach, Accommodation (En Suite), All Meals, Entrance Fees. Single Supplement: (If room on own, add \$40.00/person.)

The Little Desert Nature Lodge is a peaceful retreat located on the edge of the Little Desert National Park. The Lodge offers comfortable facilities, warm hospitality and a memorable environmental experience. Set in natural bushland of 117 hectares and managed since 1976 by local "living treasure" Whimpey Reichelt, share in his knowledge and passion for the Little Desert. Our stay includes much variety.

On Day 1: Some free time, at 8.00pm we are taken on a guided "Nocturnal Walk," see the nocturnal creatures of the bush including Sugar Gliders, Bettongs and Sone-Curlews, listen to the many **sounds of the night.**

Day 2: A comfortable 4 WD Tour; we see many varieties of **Spring Wildflowers**, as well as birds & animals which inhabit the unique Little Desert Environment. We have lunch in the bush with "billytea". After dinner Whimpey will show a Video Presentation "Whimpey's World - Little Desert Flora & Fauna" with particular focus on the Malley Fowl bird. (An excellent video.)

Day 3: At 9.00am, after breakfast we depart for a tour of the Mallee Fowl Sanctuary, a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. A Light Lunch will be provided prior to our **departure from the Lodge at 12 Noon.**

This will be an excellent trip, with much of interest for all, and taken at a relaxed, leisurely pace.

L.I.S.T: Again available at meeting Wed 21st April.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIP TO CANBERRA - 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS

MONDAY 22nd TO FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2004

Based on Minimum of (35) to travel. Max: (49) Current expressions of interest (35)

**** COST: \$457.00 per person (Twin Share)**

**** A Single Supplement** of \$140 would apply if request for a room on own.)

**** Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees and Lunches on days 2,3,4.**

**** The Itinerary includes visits/tours to:** Royal Australian Mint, National Capital Exhibition, Southern Cross Cruise, Cockington Green, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Screen Sound Australia, High Court, National Gallery, Deep Space Complex. We will visit Mt. Ainslee for superb views of the City and one evening be taken to Telstra Tower to see the night lights of Canberra. During travel en route we will see the Dog on the Tucker Box and visit Rusconi's Marbel Masterpiece near Gundagia.

**** The 5 Day/4 Night Canberra Tour Itinerary.** (which may be amended to suit.) will be available for your perusal/suggestions at meeting on Wednesday 21st April.

**** Further expressions of interest are required for this Tour in order to cater for any cancellations (we can take up to (49)**

**** I seek the support of members, Friends of Probus Members are invited to join this trip.**

**** It is important that I know A.S.A.P. if there be sufficient support for this trip to Canberra.**

L.I.S.TING: Available at Meeting 21st April. **** Confirmation of Bookings:** At 19th May meeting.

Tours Organiser: Arthur Phone 5443 9162

