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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**The speaker for the April Meeting will be Don Challenger.**

**The subject will be Gurkhas with the British Army.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following are the members who will assist in the running of our club for the next 12 months

**President** - Ern Holland

**Vice President** - Ray Fitzgerald

**Immediate Past President** - John White

**Secretary** - Bob Chenery

**Treasurer** - Don Ridge

**Tour Organiser** - Arthur Eaton

**Auditor** - Ken Coles

**Welfare Officer** - Peter Randall

**Probis Labels** - Rupert Reynolds

**Public Officer** - Graham Osborne

**Audio** - Rupert Reynolds

**Bowls Manager** - Ray Fitzgerald

**Badges** - Ian Bennett

**Members Luncheon Report** - Alec Crothers

**Guest Speaker** - VACANT

**Committee** - N. Bruhn, G. Himsforth, M. Watt

**Door Duty** - Doug Laity, Alan Court,

Alan Stephens, Bruce Michelsen, Ken Coles

**MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A FRIEND,  
PAY FOR THIER CUPPA, INTRODUCE THEM  
TO THE BENIFITS OF PROBUS**

## Presidents Piece

*What a great opportunity to invite prospective new members!*

I have booked Mr R Osborne from Maryborough Rotary (our sponsoring Rotary Club?) and a Probus member to give a factual report on declining membership and what viable options are available also how other clubs have reinvigorated their clubs.

Your executive officers attended a Probus Seminar held at Eaglehawk Mechanics Institute on Wednesday 30th March 2010, where I was advised along with other Presidents that a copy of our Constitution / articles of Incorporation should be on hand at all meetings and given to all new members with Club Bylaws; Does any member have an original copy that I can Photocopy?

*- President Ern.*

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

This is a significant milestone in our Club's history and we would like as many people as possible to attend a Luncheon after the 19th May Meeting, the venue will be in the Stirling Room at the Foundry Arms Hotel. The cost for a two course meal will be \$12.50 or \$16.00 with tea or coffee.

Please phone President Ern on 5443 2421 as we will need definite number before or at the 21st April Meeting. Please make an effort to attend and bring your partner and friends. All welcome.

*- Editor*

## Luncheon Members and Friends.

Owing to some Members going to New Zealand from the 14th April to the 29th April, there will be no organized luncheon on the 21st April. Other members to make own arrangements for lunch if they so desire.

*- Editor*

## SNIPPETS

### Positions Vacant

We still require a Guest Speaker organiser and two more Committee Members.

### Retiring Committee

Our thanks are extended to John Hardy and Allyn Fisher for their input during their time on the committee.

### Sick List

Our thoughts and prayers are with these members not feeling well and hope for better days ahead.

*- Editor*

## USELESS INFORMATION

- Arnold Schwarzenegger brought the first Hummer manufactured for civilian use in 1992, the vehicle weighed in at 6,300lbs and was seven feet wide.
- A rhinoceros's horn is made of compacted hair.
- A golden razor removed from King TUT's Tomb was still sharp enough to be used.
- In 1900 the third leading cause of death was diarrhoea.
- A baby Giraffe is about six feet tall at birth.
- To dispel the superstition that Friday was an unlucky day to embark on a ship. The Keel of a New Navy ship was laid on a Friday, she was named H.M.S. Friday, commanded by a Captain Friday and finally went to sea on a Friday. Neither the ship nor her crew were ever heard of again.

*- Editor*

## JOKE TIME

### - Pumkin -

An elderly gent was invited to an old friend's home for dinner one evening.

He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over to his host, 'I think it's wonderful that after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names'.

The old man hung his head. 'I have to tell you the truth,'

he said, 'Her name slipped my mind about 10 years ago and I'm scared to death to ask her what it is...

*- Rupert R.*

### - Golf Nut -

Last summer Ed met a woman while on vacation and fell head over heels in love with her.

On the last night of his vacation the two of them went to dinner and had a serious talk about how they would continue the relationship.

'It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut,' Ed said to his lady friend. 'I eat, sleep and breathe golf, so if that's a problem for you then you'd better say so now.'

'Well if we're being honest with each other,' she replied, 'I'm a hooker.'

'I see,' Ed replied and was quiet for a moment. Then he responded, 'You know why, don't you. It's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off.'

*- Rupert R.*

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY, 2010.**

**SEYMOUR HERITAGE RAILWAY – HERITAGE TRAIN TO TOCUMWAL**

**Departs from Seymour 8.40am. Arrive Tocumwal 11.30am.**

**(Rail travel charge: \$30.00/person) It is anticipated special carriages on the train will include State Car No 4**

*(In which Royalty travels), and the former Spirit of Progress Parlour Car, both of which will be open for inspection during the journey.*

*On Train services: A Kiosk in operation during the train journey providing a range of snacks & refreshments. The train arrives in Tocumwal at 11.30am.*

*Your will have 3 ½ hours in Tocumwal, so you may decide to:*

**\*\* Bing a Picnic Lunch and enjoy it on the foreshore of the Murray River**

**\*\* Do your own thing, OR \*\* Enjoy one of the Heritage Train Tour Options which may be available on the day. Tocumwal Festival ??:**

**\*\* Dependent upon interest received, Travel from Bendigo to Seymour & return would be:**

**\*\* If numbers are small, then travel in Private Cars**

**\*\* Should the response be good and numbers permit :Then travel by Road Coach Bendigo to Seymour & return.**

**\*\* I am waiting "confirmation of details" from the Seymour Heritage Railway.**

**Current Bookings:** Ian Bennett (1), A. Eaton (1), Fay Himsforth (3), Norm Gillies (1), Bruce Michelsen (1), Hugh Ward (1), W. Winzar (1).

**List for further Expressions of Interest:** At meeting Wednesday 21st April.

**MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS - 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**DISCOVERY TOUR: CRUISE ON MURRAY RIVER - ALSO ADELAIDE & S.A. TOUR**

**FRIDAY 5th to TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2010 - \*\* Minimum (10)**

**Price per Person: \$1868 Twin Share. \$2441 Single Supplement**

**Includes:** Transport: Bendigo to Airport & Return, Air Fares: To & From Adelaide Airport Taxes: Accommodation & Meals (both Boat & Adelaide), Cruising & Tours as per the Itinerary. *(On this Tour: 2 Nights on the Boat & 2 Nights in Adelaide.)*

*Includes a "Full Day Tour" from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island or if individuals wish, to the Barossa Valley)* **LISTING:** At meeting Wed. 17th March, 2010.

**Deposits:** at 16th June Meeting **\*\* Copies of each Itinerary available for persusal**

**Enquiries to Arthur: 5443 9162**

**Current Bookings: (12) held for:** I. Bennett (1), N Bruhn (2), A. Crothers (2), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), R. Michell (1), H. Ward (1), Geoff Rumbold (2)

**SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2010 - "MARY POPPINS" (A great Musical Show)**

**Live Show Her Majesties Theatre in Melbourne. - Show starts 2.00pm.**

**COST: \$130/Person. Includes Coach Travel (Bendigo Coachlines – 93 Wood St, Bendigo Theatre Entry with better seats in Dress Circle**

**Depart Bendigo:** Approx 9.30am. **Return home** by approx 7.00pm.

**Currently:** *I have seats on hold with Southern Cross Travel, 93 Wood St, Bendigo 5446 7000*

**To book:** Phone: 5446 7000 (Kirsty) *Tell them you are in the Probus Club of Bendigo Group*

**PAYMENT:** May be made personally at 93 Wood Street, or if by Mail: a Cheque made at To Southern Cross Travel. **\*\* If paying by Credit Card - 2.1/2% surcharge applies.**

**\*\* Note:** If you wish to participate then: act now – seats on hold for a limited time.

**TRIPS ENQUIRIES:** To Arthur. Phone: 5443 916