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Our General meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
at 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**The Speaker for the 20th April Meeting is to be
Jacqueline Dinan on the subject
“Women On The Home Front During WW I”.**

A very successful General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting were held on the 16th March and resulted in the members below being elected or appointed to hold the various position in the Club. Ern Holland was congratulated and thanked for his outstanding two years of service as President and a special vote of thanks and congratulations was given to Bob Chenery as he relinquished the Secretary position after ten continuous years (he has held the position as Secretary for a total of 16 years having been Secretary twice before.) We welcome President Ray as our leader and look forward to a great year of fellowship and activity.

OFFICE HOLDERS 2011-2012

President: Ray Fitzgerald **Vice President:** Noel Bruhn **Immediate Past President:** Ern Holland

Secretary: Mike Watt **Treasurer:** Don Ridge

Committee: Jillian Adams, Bob Chenery, Ken Crouch, Barry Hargrave, George Himsworth

Public Officer: Brian McGrath **Auditor:** Ken Coles

Tour Organiser: Arthur Eaton/Collin Adams **Welfare Officer:** Peter Randall

Guest Speaker Organiser: Ern Holland **Guest Speaker Thanker Organiser:** Dorothy Crothers

Probe Editor: Mike Watt **Probus Correspondent:** Mike Watt **Website Manager:** Mike Watt

Bowls Manager: Ray Fitzgerald **Coffee/Chat Organiser:** Denise Watt **Loners Dine Out Organiser:** Arthur Eaton

Computer Class Organiser: Mike Watt **Members Luncheon Organiser:** Dorothy Crothers **Badges:** Denise Watt

Audio: Rupert Reynolds/Noel Bruhn **Door Duty:** Doug Laity, Alan Court, Bruce Michelsen, Ken Coles

**NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP
Thursday 14th April at the Beechworth Bakery
10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!**

PRESIDENTS AGM REPORT March 2011

A hearty greeting to all members!

WOW, what an exciting year it has been!

Our annals will record;

We commenced with our twenty five year anniversary on 19th May 2010 and it was a privilege as President to award 25 year membership Certificates to Cliff Binks, Ian Carter (dec), Arthur Cowling, Alec Crothers, Arthur Eaton, Ken Gloster, Colin M^cClean, Ken Proud, Alf Ryall, and Hugh Ward congratulations guys.

I must also make a special mention and sincerely thank our committee that not only supported the decision to become a combined Club but assisted greatly in advising members as to why these actions were necessary to ensure a sustainable future of our Club.

To each and every member that voted unanimously to support our endeavours, it was an extremely heart warming, humbling experience, that reflects greatly for the future of our proud Club; I thank you for your support.

These Landmark decisions resulted in an increase of TWENTY ONE new members being inducted into our Club in the last twelve Months. Sadly we lost four from our membership; however a net gain of seventeen is something that I hope we can surpass in the ensuing twelve months.

As we are all ambassadors, not only for our Club, but for Probus, I believe we have raised the bar to a level that other Clubs may strive to achieve.

I sincerely thank each and every one of you, not only for your support but for giving me the opportunity and privilege of being the first President to serve two consecutive terms.

Thank you and God bless.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INC (A0001248L) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1/3/2010 TO 28/2/2011			
<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>			
Receipts		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	2,368-75	Venue Hire	660-00
Meeting Attendance Fees	2,439-00	Meeting Catering	872-00
Bank Interest	71-63	Printing, Postage, Stationery	919-70
Donations	21-10	Affiliations and Insurances	491-60
Bowls	8-00	Media Notices	188-42
		Name Badges, Probus Bars/Pins	185-54
		Bowls	27-00
		Miscellaneous (Incl Com-Affairs \$116)	<u>121-00</u>
	<u>\$4,908-18</u>		<u>\$3,465-26</u>
Operating Surplus	\$ 1,443-22		
<u>TOURS AND ACTIVITIES FUNDS</u>			
Receipts		Expenditure	
25 th Anniversary Lunch	1,200-00	25 th Anniversary Lunch	1,232-00
Seymour-Tocumwal Heritage Rail	1,040-00	Seymour-Tocumwal Heritage R.	923-10
Capital Theatre 8 December 10.	420-00	Capital Theatre 8 December 10.	420-00
Christmas Lunch	2190-00	Christmas Lunch	2,109-00
Chinese Museum	<u>925-00</u>	Chinese Museum	<u>925-00</u>
	<u>\$5,775-00</u>		<u>\$5,609-10</u>
Operating Surplus	\$ 165-90		
FUND BALANCES AS AT CLOSE 28 FEBRUARY 2011			
General			
Balance brought forward 1/3/2010	\$ 102-02		
Surplus for year ended 28/2/11	<u>1,443-22</u>		\$ 1,545-24
Tours and Activities			
Balance brought forward 1/3/2010	\$2,566-02		
Surplus for year ended 28/2/11	<u>165-90</u>		<u>\$ 2,731-92</u>
		Total Funds Available	\$ 4,277-16
These funds are represented by:-			
Cash at Bank - Cheque a/c 3005717			\$ 1,527-16
Cash at Bank - Term Deposit a/c 140993049			\$ 2,750-00
Signed (D.R.Ridge)	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	2/3/11
Auditor's Comment	<i>Balance & found correct</i>		
Signed (K.C.Coles)	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	12/3/11

Probus Badges
Available to order through the Secretary.

LADIES: You may like to swap your stick pin badge for a brooch or if you have not been given a badge let the secretary know and a brooch will be ordered for you.



ALL MEMBERS: If like me you don't like the stick pin badges then you can order a tie pin type badge through the secretary for just \$5



PRESIDENT RAY'S FIRST PIECE

As this my first report, there is little I have to say, I am looking forward to my year in the Chair, it will be a great experience for me, and I will be able to do something for the club.

We are hoping to make a few alterations to the meeting format, the first is seen below, which we hope will make the meetings more enjoyable, and interesting, also running a campaign, to try to get our Club back to full membership in the near future.

I would like to thank all the members for their participation in the various positions, and to also to wish everyone good health and fellowship in the coming year.

Yours in Probus, Ray.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING ARE PRINTED BELOW. THEY WILL NOT BE READ OUT AT THE APRIL MEETING, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO CONFIRM THEM "AS DISTRIBUTED" HOWEVER YOU WILL STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MATTERS IN BUSINESS ARISING.

MINUTES OF THE 282nd GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2011

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President ERN HOLLAND in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 51 members attended & were welcomed by Pres. ERN. Apologies were recorded from 10 members: A Ryall; J Aitken; M. McDonald; J. McDonald; N. Dack; R Twitt; B. Clemens; J. Wallace; R Watkins and C.Bird.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed on the wish of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(INWARDS)

Bulletins from Local District Probus Clubs.

From Rotary District Chairman inviting members to a Probus Regional meeting on Friday 29th April at the Mechanics Institute, School Street, California Gully at 10 am. Cost \$20 p.p. (includes light lunch).

Minutes of Probus Assn. of Vic. Dated 22 Feb 2011

From AP.T. advising the resignation of Fran Sirio.

(OUTWARDS)

• To RDU. Sydney, ordering 6 Probus mugs & 6 Probus pens for presentations.

The correspondence was received & approved on the wish of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer 's Report: The Treasurer DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement as at 14th March 2011 as follows: .

(Receipts) Attendance Fees \$ 260; Subscriptions \$ 35; Bank Interest \$ 37-98 (Total Receipts \$ 332-98)

(Expenditure) Hall Hire \$ 60; Catering \$ 104; Miscellaneous \$ 5; (Total Expenditure \$ 169)

General Account; Cheque Book Balance \$ 1,545=24 Tours / Activities Account Balance \$ 2,731-92 Overall Club Balance; \$ 4,277-16

(Sick Members) PETER RANDALL reported that Ron Twitt was unwell as a result of a fall and was in the Base Hospital.

(Bowls) Vice-President RAY FITZGERALD reported that future games were still awaiting further negotiations with other clubs.

(Activities Report) ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Arthur moved "that all Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club "Probe" publication dated March 2011 be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond. (Carried)

(Coffee/Chat Group) Denise Watt reported that members were welcome to attend the Beechworth Bakery on the Thursday just prior to the Wednesday Probus meeting at

10-30 am; and that good attendance had been experienced.

(After Meeting Luncheon) Dorothy Crothers reported that these luncheons following the Club Monthly Meetings were also popular for members. Dorothy requested that she would prefer advanced attendance notice from members

The meeting indicated acceptance of all reports.

BUSINESS ARISING • Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mike Watt invited members to indicate whether they would be interested in attending a proposed Computing Workshop once a month to be held at The Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale Street. There being sufficient interest more details would be in the next Probe.

STEWARDS

Ken Gloster; Jean Goodrich; Bet Hall; Barry Hargrave; Faye Himsworth; George Himsworth and Kath Holland.

CLOSE

There being no further business, President ERN HOLLAND declared the meeting closed at 9-40 am with the A.G.M to follow morning tea.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT OUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE AND SHOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Individual Membership is \$35

Joint membership of member and spouse/partner member is \$50

Cheque or cash is welcome and the exact amount would be appreciated to avoid change.

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Probus Club of Strathdale.

Western Australia Wildflower Trip Departs 23rd August to 3rd September 2011
13 day fly/coach/fly Cost \$3740 (for 20 passengers)
Contact Glenda Holt Phone 5442 4973

Spring Gully Probus Club

Mauritius departs 29th June to 12th July 2011 (14 day/13 nights)
Cost: \$4195.00 plus \$500 taxes
Contact Margaret Jenkin Phone 5443 8089

Kangaroo Flat Probus Club

5 Day Trip To Bright Departs 23rd May
Brochure and list available
Contact Norm Dupuy Phone 5447 7029

Bendigo District Probus Meetings

Club	Date	Venue	Time
Sandhurst	1st Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	9.30am
Eaglehawk	2nd Mon	California Gully Mechanics Institute	10am
Bendigo Ladies	2nd Wed	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Kangaroo Flat	2nd Wed	K Flat senior Citizens	10am
Strathfieldsaye	2nd Thu	Uniting Church Hall Strathfieldsaye	10am
Golden Square	3rd Thu	Abundant Life CC McKenzie Street	9.30am
White Hills	4th Tue	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Strathdale	4th Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am
Spring Gully	4th Thu	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am

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Plagiarized from White Hills Probus "Hills Happenings"

I JUST NEED A NAP !

An old tired looking dog wandered into my yard. He was well fed, wore a collar, and looked well cared for, so he apparently came from a good home. He came over to me and I gave him a pat and he followed me into my house, walked down the hall, curled up in a corner and went to sleep. An hour later he woke up and went to the door, so I let him out.

For the next week this procedure continued !

By now, I was curious. So I pinned a note to his collar.

"I would like to find out who owns this wonderful dog and ask if you are aware that every day he comes to my house for a nap."

The next day, the dog returned with another note attached to his collar. It read, *"He lives in a home with six children, two of whom are under the age of three—he's catching up on his sleep!"*

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Thursday 14th April at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome! Any comments/suggestions phone Denise on 54493925

Luncheon Members and Friends.

The April Luncheon is to be held at British and American, Eaglehawk Road, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday April 20th. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 18th. April. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

LONERS GROUP

Those members on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett name.

BOWLS GROUP

At the moment I am trying to arrange games for the Tuesday after the monthly meeting starting at 10:00 and finishing at 12:00, consisting at the moment 5 teams of pairs, at \$6,00 a player. 5 Clubs are being invited to join us. More details as they come to hand. R Fitzgerald

COMPUTING WORKSHOP (A NEW GROUP LIMITED TO FIRST TEN TO CONTACT MIKE!!)
Enhance your computer skills or simply learn "How to !" All levels will be catered for from raw beginner to the more computer literate member. A small charge of \$4 per person per session to cover costs of hire of room and computers. We will cover the topics that you tell me you want to learn. We will meet at The Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale Street, Bendigo at 3.30pm till 5.30pm every third Monday of the month commencing 18th April . Phone Mike on 54493925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY :

- 1. When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt !!
- 2. Nature always sides with the hidden flaw !

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !!

APRIL

- 4th Bob Chenery
- 8th Ian Bennett
- 13th Len Roy
- 20th Tom Iser
- 23rd Geoff Biles
- 29th Warren Winzar

MAY

- 2nd Mary Caulfield
- 7th Muriel Miller
- 9th Norm Dack
- 13th Allan Stephens
- 14th Collin Adams
- 14th Ian Dean
- 26th Mike Watt
- 29th Bill Redmond

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CLUB FINANCE: As at 28th Feb General \$1545.24 Tours \$2731.92
Banking — Cheque Account \$1527.16 Deposit Account \$2750.00

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SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

- 2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.
- 2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.
- 2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50 **LETS MAKE APRIL SIXTY + !!!!!!!!**

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Wednesday 4th May
Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

**5 DAY/5 NIGHTS MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON "MURRAY EXPEDITION."
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 29TH April, 2011- Based on: Min:(10),**

Travel: Bendigo to Murray Bridge & return: By Private Cars as allocated.

Sunday 24th April: Depart: At 8.00am

From: Masonic Centre Mc.Ivor Rd. (Opposite Mirridong)

Friday 29th April: Motel Accommodation booked at Keith (S.A.) overnight \$105/Twin Room

**** All Traveller should have received "Final Documents" & instructions from Murray River Expeditions**

Current Bookings: (14) I. Bennett (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), D. Richardson (1), G & H Rumbold (2), H. Ward (1), K & N. Allan (2), K & J. Thompson (2) Dorothy Houlden (1), Zeila Lynch (1)

MYSTERY TRIP - COMBINED WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS CLUB.

THURSDAY 19th MAY, 2011

Depart: 9.30am From: Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park – Crook St. Bendigo.

Return Home: By about 5.00pm

COST: \$35.00 per person. Includes: Coach Fare, Light Lunch., Light A/Tea. & Entry Fees:

Note: Morning Tea at own cost.

LIST OF BOOKINGS: (20) Bookings received from.:

C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), R. Chenery (2), A. Court (1), A.Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), J.Goodrich (1), B. Hall (1), R. Michell (1), P.Randall (1) C. Tomson (1), M.Watt: (2), J. White (1) **Emergency: (B. Secombe (2))**

PAYMENTS: At Meeting on 20th April.

PROPOSED COMBINED TRIP TO MELBOURNE WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS

IN EITHER: OCTOBER Or NOVEMBER, 2011

TRAMBOAT SPECIALS: HERRING ISLAND & BEYOND - Seniors \$40per person

Travel by Train: (Use Free or Concessions) Depart 7.45am Train. Return: 3.15pm ex Melb.

Cruise from the Docklands up through the city alongside Crown Casino, the Southbank Precinct, under Princess Bridge, past the Botanical Gardens and on to our stop at Herring Island, for approx 30 minutes. We then reboard and continue cruising upstream to Hawthorn. Our tour concludes with a cruise around New Quay and Waterfront City.

PACKAGE INCLUDES : Morning tea, Assorted slices, tea and coffee. Gourmet Sandwichs for Lunch.

DURATION : 3.5 Hours CRUISE

LIST At Meeting 20th April for "Expressions of interest," in order to gauge support

POSSIBLE TRIP: TUTANKHMUN/GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS –SEPTEMBER

Travel by Train:7.45am ex Bendigo. Return:3.15pm ex Melbourne (Use Concessions)

"The Splendour of Ancient Egypt" and a dazzling array of artefacts unearthed from the Boy King's Tomb. "Expressions of interest,"sought in order to gauge support

COMBINED: XMAS IN JULY - WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS CLUB.

MONDAY 25TH JULY, 2011 AT RESTAURANT IN CRESWICK

(Maximum Probus Club of Bendigo: (20-25) Pre Meal: Champagne, Orange Juice, Savouries

Fixed Menu: Roast Leg Lamb. Sweet: Xmas Pudding with Brandy Custard

COST: \$30/person for the Meal & Entertainment. ** Full details at April 20th Meeting

TRANSPORT: If Numbers adequate will be by Road Coach. ** If numbers short-Private Cars

LIST: APRIL 20th meeting. PAYMENTS: At Meeting 18th May.

Brochures have been received from Entice Travel Services for the undermentioned China Tour.

The information is included for the information of members., should any persons desire to participate, then they would need to arrange for all their own bookings etc.

ENTICE TRAVEL: CHINA – A TALE OF TWO CITIES - BEIJING & SHANGHAI

**** 11 DAYS Departing 15th September, 2011**

**** Personally escorted by Gwen Brash this being her 69th trip to China**

**** COST: \$3395 per person Twin Share ex Melbourne. Single Supplement: \$550**

**** INCLUDES: : Return Air Fare including Taxes, Internal Flight, First Class Hotels, Portorage, Meals as per Itinerary, English Speaking Guide, Ground transportation in Private Air Conditioned Coaches, Daily Sightseeing & Entrance Fees, Evening Entertainment as listed, Tips for Local Guide, Driver & Hotel Porters**

For further information, copies of Itinerary, conditions, make bookings, etc.

Phone: 1300 055 290 or e'mail info@enticetravelservices.com.au

Note: I have two complete packs of Itinerary, Conditions, booking form. Phone Arthur 5443 9162

***** Please assist the Collectors by tendering correct amounts when making payments. *****

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162