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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I am thrilled to have been entrusted with the Presidency of our great Club for the forthcoming year. I will endeavour to serve the Club to the very best of my ability coupled with the support of both my wife Bev and the Committee.

Yet again I do envisage some changes to the meeting format. Firstly we will have a Club Jester who will tell ONE joke at the beginning of the meeting. The Jester is a secret, you will have to come to the meeting to find out who it is!!

The Treasurer's report will in future be distributed with the Probe and this will also save meeting time. With the saved time I would love to see the reintroduction of Member Profiles both at the meeting and possibly in the Probe, starting with our newest members.

I am starting the year with a net membership of 90 thanks to Past president Ray and his Committee. I hope that we can strive to increase this during my year in office and end it with a net membership of 100. Of the 10 new members required to achieve this I would really love to see at least six of them to be under the age of 75.

Finally I am very hopeful that the proposed Gardening Group and Walking Group will commence and flourish.

Let's get to it Probudians and have a GREAT YEAR!!

Regards and Thanks
President Noel Bruhn

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

On the 27th March I sent the following email to those members with email addresses and it is self explanatory:

I am afraid that this is not good news. On Friday I went with Denise to see my specialist and after my lung function tests he advised me that he wanted me to go on to morphine, small doses to start with to help my breathing when it is bad, however also to start to get the palliative care nurse to visit. We are both shell shocked as despite the fact that we both knew this would eventually happen we were not prepared for it just yet.

We have no time scale but I get the impression it is a case of months. I have no intention of finding out any more than that certainly at this stage. I had a full CT scan today and see him in again in about 4 weeks. It is simply my emphysema.

I have every intention of carrying on as best as possible for as long as possible and to this end Brian McGrath has agreed to act as Assistant Secretary and help me whilst he also learns the ropes.

I am looking for someone to take on a similar role with Probe. The ideal candidate will have internet access and a very basic knowledge of Microsoft Word. The templates for the whole year are already done so it a relatively easy task.

Can I please ask that you let Denise and I carry on as usual, no sympathetic phone calls or fussing over me, we are finding it hard enough to come to grips with this on our own. Rest assured that if Denise and/or I require some help in the future we will let you know.

I can now add that today I saw my GP and he gave me the preliminary results of my CT scan which shows no new developments other than the fact that I have gall stones. No op is envisaged as they are not causing inflammation. My full results will be given to me on the 27th April.

**REST ASSURED I WILL BE CONTINUING ON WITH FIRE IN MY BELLY AND NOT GIVING IN LIGHTLY!
I PROMISED PRESIDENT NOEL I WOULD SEE HIS YEAR OUT ☺**

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next will be Thursday 12th April at the Beechworth Bakery 10.15am All members, partners and friends welcome!
Come and join the laughter and chatter!!

LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.

Luncheon after the March meeting (approx. 12.30pm) will be held at **The RSL**. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

LONERS GROUP

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of 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's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Again due to popular demand put Sunday 6th May 9 a.m. in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. No excuses as this gives you PLENTY notice ☺

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for online computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem.

Garden Group (Expressions of Interest): Seven names so far are on the list and each will be contacted very soon to organise the first event/meeting.

Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group (Expressions of Interest) Eleven names so far are on the list and each will be contacted very soon to organise the first event/meeting.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

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; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.
2012 Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65

LETS MAKE APRIL ANOTHER SIXTY + !!!!!!!!

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

7TH Pauline Brooks
7th Muriel Miller
9th Norm Dack
13th Alan Stephens
14th Collin Adams
14th Ian Dean
26th Mike Watt
29th Bill Redmond

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery

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“Lonely for my Land”.

**Saturday 14th April 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. at The Bendigo Club
Sorry No Vacancies**



Members who are on the list of names are reminded that entry will be by gold coin donation per person at the door. Members are invited to have a meal beforehand at the Club, orders available from 5.30pm, at own cost..

MINUTES OF THE 290th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 21st March 2012

The General Meeting was opened at 10.25am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 61 members and 4 guests (D Wright, B & N Forsythe, E.Stuart) attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 34 members: J.Aitken, G.Biles, Bev Bruhn, M.Caulfield, N.Christie, B.Clemens, B.Clemson, A.Cowling, J & K Gloster, F.Himsworth, K.Holland, Z.Hughes, J.Kelly, J & M.McDonald, B.McGrath, C.McLean, M.Miller, I.Nixon, G.Osborne, B.Perrin, K.Proud, L.Roy, A.Ryall, J.Sanderson, A..Stephens, L.Stork, C.Thomson.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by D. Watt, Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN

1. 8 Newsletters From other Clubs
2. Department of Justice....annual statement by Public Officer
3. Rotary District Probus Chairman....Information Days
4. Probus Country Concert Bendigo Committee...re \$200 loan
5. Australia Post...renewal of post box \$93
6. Bendigo Live Fiesta Flyer
7. Emails online from website...9yr old doing a project on Probus
8. Email from Ern Holland re Audio
9. Email Judy Lindsay re Friend of Probus

OUT

1. Department of Justice...change of Public Officer
2. Probus Club of Golden Square – re my letter to Editor Bendigo Advertiser
3. Emails to Cameron, 9yr old doing a project on Probus
4. Bob Brown Masonic Hall Board re audio and his reply
5. Judy Lindsay re Friend of Probus
6. Recognition ID....Badge Order
7. David Wright re potential membership

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by Ern Holland. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement from 1st February to 29th February 2012 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$400.00) (Total Expenditure \$593.39) Account Balance \$1812.54

Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$250.00) (Total Expenditure \$250.00) Account Balance \$2464.87

Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$1527.41 Deposit a/c 2750.00

The financial report as distributed was received and approved. Moved by the Treasurer, seconded Hugh Ward, carried.

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall and others gave an update on those of our members currently on the sick list..

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reported that the last luncheon had a good attendance. Next month the luncheon will be at the RSL.

Loners Group ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm.

Computing Workshop/Probe/Website Names were sought for proposed Walking Group and Gardening Group. Check your Probe for the Photographic Competition.

Coffee/Chat Group and Badger Next Coffee & Chat Thursday 12th April. Next Sunday Breakfast Sunday 6th May. Any member requiring a name badge please contact Denise.

Tours/Trips Report ARTHUR EATON, after 27 years as Tours and trips organiser gave a comprehensive report and thanks to all those who had contributed to his success over the years. Ailsa handed out a list of trips available to members. Ailsa moved "that all tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Arthur Eaton, carried.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. President Ray inducted six new members to the Club. Margaret Powrie, Dennis Crouch, Cynthia Watkins, Yvonne Wallace, Bob and Denise Santon. Secretary Mike introduced the new members and Dennis Crouch responded on behalf of all six.
2. President Ray invited Treasurer Don Ridge to hand over the books of account to incoming Treasurer Barry Coghlan.
3. President Ray inducted incoming President Noel Bruhn as President for the year 2012-2013 and handed over the Chain of Office and invited Noel to close the meeting. Noel gave a brief response indicating he would have more to say at his first meeting as President.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards for the day.

CLOSE: There being no further business, President Elect Noel declared the meeting closed at 11.00 a.m.

CONFIRMED.....President 18th April

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Profit & Loss Statement

1/03/2012 through 31/03/2012

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| Income | |
| Subscriptions | \$50.00 |
| Attendance Fees | \$315.00 |
| Tours & Activities | |
| Total Income | <u>\$365.00</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Venue Hire | \$71.00 |
| Catering | \$126.00 |
| Postage & Stationery | \$169.13 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$366.13</u> |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | <u>-\$1.13</u> |

Balance Sheet

As of March 2012

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| Assets | |
| General Cheque Account | \$1,526.28 |
| Term Deposit | \$2,750.00 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$4,276.28</u> |
| Liabilities | |
| GST Liabilities | |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Net Assets | <u>\$4,276.28</u> |
| Equity | |
| Retained Earnings | \$4,277.41 |
| Current Earnings | -\$1.13 |
| Total Equity | <u>\$4,276.28</u> |

Photographic Competition

Members are invited to submit photographs in either or both of two categories with a magnificent prize for the best in each category. The categories are **GRANDCHILDREN** and the other **HOLIDAYS**. Photographs should have been taken in the last 4 months and have been taken by the member or member's spouse/partner. Entries should be in the hands of the Secretary **no later than Friday 4th May and winners will be announced at the May General Meeting**. Photographs can be in print form of any size or can be submitted in digital format by email, preferably jpeg (jpg). They can be either colour or black/white. To avoid damage to the photos members are asked to hand to the Secretary rather than post or of course send as an attachment by email. Photo prints will be returned to members at the end of the competition. Photos can be handed to the Secretary at either the March or April General Meetings.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO.

Probus Trips Organiser- A.M.EATON - March 1985 to March, 2012 (27 Years.)

Address to Annual General Meeting, 21/3/2012.

** I am one of the (9) remaining Foundation Members of the Probus Club of Bendigo.

An Original Committee Member who was allocated responsibility for Trips and Entertainment,
Which I have continuously carried out for the past Twenty Seven Years.

I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE: *The Assistance received from the Members during that lengthy period.*

** The **Collectors**: Who sit at the tables receiving payments for the Tours & Outings etc. as listed
Handling short notice cancellations. Balance Monies and give to Treasurer.

A most exacting task.

** The **Treasurers**: Who have had the tedious task of handling monies, ensuring the Collection Sheets balance, Banking the Monies and Payment of Accounts.

** The **Editors of "Probe"**: Who have faithfully inserted in the "Probe," the Trips and Entertainment Information as lodged by me. Publicity vital for the success of Trips

** To **Cliff Binks**: The assistance rendered by Cliff in relieving my load by organising some of the 1997-98 Trips, which were highly successful. Also for the Evening Dinner Outings.

** The **Volunteers**: Who over many years wrote up "Reports on Trips," for insertion in Probe.

** The **Badgers**: Who ensured, that on "All Tours & Outings", each of our Members & Friends were in receipt of and wearing a "Name Badge."

** **Ken Gloster** For the **Records** he kept over the years, which Mike has "posted on our Club Web Site."

** **The Presidents, Secretaries, Members of Executive Committees**: For their contribution and leadership.

** **The Members**: For your continued "support and participation," in the Trips & Outings.

** **Finally I wish to acknowledge the Vision and Dedication of both Ern Holland & Mike Watt:**

Seeing the need for change and for our Club to become a "Non Gender specific Club."

** **Mike Watt**: *Spent a great amount of time researching, preparing detailed documentation and convincing our members of the need for change, securing a unanimous vote to do so.*

We are now a Non Gender Specific Club with a "great future," who have for the first time in many years approached an Annual Meeting with all positions filled, We have a Great Team for 2012-2013

Tours & Entertainment Team: *Likewise we are fortunate to have a very capable Tours & Entertainment Team:*

Lead by Ailsa Coghlan, together with Brian Mc.Grath and Collin Adams (supported by Jill.)

** I urge you to be positive in giving your support to Trips & Outings which they may organise

** **I have deemed it to be a privilege to have been entrusted with the Organisation of Probus Trips**

and Outings on your behalf. Carrying out the duties of Trips Organiser has always been a challenging and satisfying task – "to see the satisfaction of the travellers," was all that I desired. I will always remember the experiences we have shared together, the many friends I have made over my Twenty Seven Years as Trips Organiser have been most rewarding and satisfying..

** **President Ray, Secretary Mike, Treasurer Don and Executive Committee.**

Congratulations on a highly successful and productive year in all respects during (2011-2012)

****President Elect Noel Bruhn, Secretary Mike, Treasurer Barry and the Executive Committee (2012-2013.)**

The team members have a wide range of skills and talents with fresh ideas which will ensure that the Club continues to progress. Best wishes for the year ahead. I urge the Membership to support the team.

Arthur Eaton. 21/03/2012. Probus Trips Organiser

Information has been sent to Bendigo Clubs regarding the inaugural Kilmore Race and Rose Festival to be held on Monday 30th April 2012 If we can get more than 35 people a bus will be organized for travel at approx \$15.00 per person, you pay your own costs for the day's entertainment, which includes, Racing, Rose Displays and Cheese demonstrations.

On Wednesday 30th May 2012 at 2.00 p.m there will be a presentation at the Naismith Room of a 7 day cruise on the South Australian Murray River . The proposed trip will be the 21st April 2013

White Hills Probus has a 14 day organized tour of the Red Centre from the 29th July to the 11th August cost \$2595.00 per person Single Supplement \$972.00

The committee would appreciate the return of questionnaires from last month's Probe regarding club Tours & Activities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK ANY OF THE ABOVE
PLEASE CONTACT AILSA ON 54437046 THANKYOU**

The Speaker for the 18th April
Ian Fenselau his subject being Collectables
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!
(No excuse now for not attending.)

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Thursday 26th April 2012

Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email editor@probusclubofbendigo.com.au

NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP
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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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