



# PROBE

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Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.



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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE



We welcome Ken Crouch as our President for the Probus Year 2013 – 2014 and look forward to supporting him and his Committee of Officers in the running of our Club!

The Committee of Officers Comprise:  
Vice President and IPP: Noel Bruhn  
Secretary and Probe: Mike Watt  
Treasurer: Barry Coghlan  
Asst. Secretary: Vacant  
Membership: Bob Santon  
Guest Speakers: Bet Hall  
Tours and Trips: Bill Redmond  
Committee Officer: Don Ridge

Probians,

I thank all those others who have volunteered for the other necessary positions.

Please pay your annual subs. Promptly, they are now due!

I am saving my voice for my first meeting, which is not that far away, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, when I will have a bit to say at the start of my year which I am looking forward to very much.

*Regards and Thanks*  
*President Ken Crouch*

## SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

A successful AGM in March and thank you to all who attended.

This Probe is late in being distributed due to an overload in the Watt household especially the Mr side of it!

All subs are now due and payable to our membership Officer Bob Santon who will be at the desk at the next meeting. Please keep separate from the meeting fee of \$5. Members are reminded the rates are as follows:

*"The subscription payable by individual members shall be \$35 per annum, for combined spouse/partner membership subscriptions shall be \$50 per annum the subscription for the spouse/partner of a life member or non active member shall be half the combined subscription."*

If you are unable to attend regularly due to illness/age/disabilities please consider asking for Non Active Membership. You retain non voting membership, still get the Probe and the subs are \$0.00.

Members are reminded that currently a 50% attendance is required to maintain your membership. Last year quite a few failed this benchmark and we do ask you to consider your future with the Club as we really want you to attend the General Monthly Meetings as often as possible!

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

**BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!**

**APRIL**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Margaret Powrie	20 <sup>th</sup> Tom Iser
4 <sup>th</sup> Bob Chenery	23 <sup>rd</sup> Geoff Biles
8 <sup>th</sup> Ian Bennett	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dennis Crouch
13 <sup>th</sup> Len Roy	29 <sup>th</sup> Warren Winzar
17 <sup>th</sup> Nick Lamming	

**MAY**

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

**Members, Partners and Friends Luncheon**

The luncheon to be held after the April 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will be held at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Denise W 54493925 OR Denise S 54471914, likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for. (Dorothy is on holiday)

**Ladies Only Luncheon (LOL) Group**

Due to a severe lack of attendance at the last two luncheons we have cancelled future ones for the time being. Consideration will be given to re-starting later in the year.

**Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group**

**FRIDAYS:** April 12<sup>th</sup> Kennington Reservoir. Meet, at the Entrance to Aldi Car Park off Edwards Road at 10.00am promptly

**FRIDAYS:** Fridays 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of April & Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of May LAKE WEEROONA meet 10am sharp at the Nolan Street, carpark. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ANYONE NEEDING TRANSPORT PLEASE CONTACT BOB.

Contact: Bob Santon 5447 1914

**Garden Group combined with Spring Gully Probus:**

In Recess.

**MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP**

Next on **Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at Strath Village at 10.15 am**, see you there!

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

**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!

**BOWLS GROUP**

In recess

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:**

Put **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road**.

*Future breakfasts will be on the second Sunday in the month. Could not change this one as it would clash with Mothers Day. ☺*

**COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem or request. 54493925**

**DONATIONS**

A driver was stuck in a traffic jam in Canberra on the London Circuit. Nothing was moving.

Suddenly, a man knocks on the window.

The driver rolls down the window and asks, "What's going on?"

"Terrorists have kidnapped all of our MP's during a sitting of parliament, and they're asking for a \$100 million ransom. Otherwise, they are going to douse them all in petrol and set them on fire. We are going from car to car collecting donations."

"How much is everyone giving, on average?" the driver asks.

The man replies, "Roughly five litres."

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.  
HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> February 2013**

**The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.**

**ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:** A total of 60 members and 1 guest attended and were welcomed by President Noel. Apologies were recorded from 30 members. Jim Aitken, Jean Andrews, Ian Bennett, Geoff Biles, Clare Bird, Pauline Brooks, Nigel Christie, Bill Clemens, Ken Coles, Dennis Crouch, Ian Dean, Allyn Fisher, Joan Gloster, Ken Gloster, John Hardy, Barry Hargrave, Ern Holland, Kath Holland, Zane Hughes, Maurie McDonald, Eileen McGrath, Colin McLean, Ralph Michell, Muriel Miller, Ron Pollock, Ken Proud, Rupert Reynolds, Len Roy, Lynwood Stork, John White.

**GUESTS:** Margaret Kane, P.C. Spring Gully.

**CLUB JESTER :** Bob Chenery provided light relief with a well chosen joke.

**CONFIRMATION:** The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed . Moved by the Asst. Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded by Jillian Adams. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**IN**

1. 7 newsletters from other Clubs..
2. 1 Travel Booklet – Yackandandah to Ailsa Coghlan (Tours & Trips)
3. PSPL – 5 year Constitutional Review.
4. PSPL - reply

**OUT** Nil.

**Matters arising :** Secretary Mike Watt read the reply from PSPL on charity status. PSPL will continue its own discussions. The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Assist.Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded Ken Crouch.. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**President:** Nil.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer Barry Coghlan advised that Mike Watt had made a donation of \$500 to the Club from a payment Mike had received from PSPL for his work and expenses incurred in the software he had written for Club use. This was received with acclamation. Barry moved that the Financial Statement distributed in the February 2013 Issue of the Probe for period ended 31st January 2013 be received and approved, seconded by Bob Chenery. Carried.

**Welfare Officer:** Peter Randall reported John Hardy ill in hospital. .

**Members Luncheon:** Dorothy Crothers reported today's luncheon is at the All Seasons, McIvor Road. She has booked for 20, others welcome..

**Loners Group** Arthur Eaton reminded members of the usual Thursday evening meal at the Bendigo Club, 5.30pm – 6pm.

**Bowls:** Nil.

**Computing:** Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance over the phone. Members with Internet encouraged to visit Web Site.

**Coffee Group /Chat and Badger:** Denise Watt - the next gathering is at Strath Village on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 9.00am.

**Ladies only Luncheons** Denise reported next Luncheon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 12 noon at the Foundry Arms Hotel Golden Square.

Denise advised the Probus Assoc. of Victoria is holding a gathering at the Kilmore Races on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Lawn Bowls at Rochester on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Tours & Trips** Ailsa Coghlan asked members to contact her with any suggestions for future outings. She then asked Collin Adams to continue. Collin advised of a Winery Tour to Chapples's Cairn Curran Estate on Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup> leaving by car pooling from the Masonic Centre at 10.30am. BYO picnic lunch. 15<sup>th</sup> April Bright in Autumn. 22<sup>nd</sup> April Adelaide & Cornish Festival. Bill Redmond continued the report advising Williamstown Day Trip on 23<sup>rd</sup> April fully booked. He will organise another if members interested. Details of all trips in March issue of Probe. Bill Redmond moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainments details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Arthur Eaton. carried.

**Gardening:** Mike Watt – no report.

**Walking Group:** Arthur Eaton reported the group meets on Fridays at 10.00am – next outings at carpark Browning Street Kangaroo Flat Reports were received on the motion of Bob Santon , seconded Collin Adams Carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**President:** Nil.

**Secretary: Attendance.** Mike reported 61 member in attendance at today's meeting. He reminded members that nominations close today for positions on Committee for the ensuing year. All positions have one nomination excepting that he needs support for the preparation of the Probe; he will arrange printing of the Probe; another person to look after Badges at General Meetings and a person to write Short Reports for Probian and Active Retirees Magazine.

**Treasurer:** Nil.

**Barry Hargrave** had heard a segment on radio FM 924 promoting Probus and suggested we contribute to such promotion.

**STEWARDS:** Six members volunteered to be stewards.

**CLOSE:** President Noel thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.45 am.

**GUEST SPEAKER.** Rob & Cynthia Watkins provided a pictorial presentation entitled Cape York Travels. This fabulous exhibition of their road trip to the tip of Cape York laden with outstanding photography and their wealth of experience in this field was a treat enjoyed by the captivated and engrossed audience.

Dorothy Crothers in moving a vote of thanks to Rob and Cynthia spoke of their wonderful photographic skills, their illustrated narrative, their resourcefulness and bravery.

**CONFIRMED**.....President 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**CLUB ACCOUNTS Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.****Finance Report Quarter 1**

Printed 30/03/2013

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Period Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Attendance Fees	250.00	0.00	250.00
Donations	100.09	0.00	100.09
Tours & Activities	440.00	0.00	440.00
Badges Etc. RDU & PSPL	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computing Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	25.41	0.00	25.41
Miscellaneous	85.00	0.00	85.00
Subscriptions	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>950.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>950.50</b>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>Period Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Printing & Stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00
Catering	100.00	0.00	100.00
Incorporation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tours & Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Badges etc-RDU	29.72	0.00	29.72
Computing Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	0.00	0.00	0.00
Affiliations & Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Venue Hire	266.00	0.00	266.00
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>395.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>395.72</b>

<b>Total Income</b>	950.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	395.72
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	554.78
<b>Transaction Bank Cleared Balance</b>	3,426.95
<b>Transaction Bank Uncleared</b>	0.00
<b>Savings/Deposit Bank Account 140993049</b>	2,750.00

## TOURS AND ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMME

APRIL 2013

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO TRIP TO WILLIAMSTOWN TUESDAY 23 APRIL, 2013.

Travel by Train: (Use your free Rail Passes or Senior Concession)  
Bendigo to Southern Cross by V/line.  
Depart Bendigo: 7-45am Train to Melbourne. (Suggest Purchase Ticket prior to day of travel)  
Return: 3-15pm train from Southern Cross.(Arrive Bendigo 5-10pm)  
Costs: \$20.00 per person which includes Bus & Entry Fees.  
Lunch: Purchase at own cost. Array of suitable "eateries"  
PAYMENTS: Meeting Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

B&T Chenery (2), B&D Santon (2), C&J Adams (2), N&D Warne (2), B&A Coghlan (2), B&E McGrath (2), M&D Watt (2),  
A.Court (1), D Laity (1), K Crouch (1), B Hall (1), R Pollock (1), N Gillies (1), D Crouch (1), E Bruhn (1), M Powrie (1),  
W.Redmond (1). Emergencies: R & C Watkins (2), E Stuart (1), A Eaton (1).

Enquiries to Bill Redmond. Phone 54431541.

### ADVANCE NOTICE:

**17/10/2013 -24/10/2013 RURAL RIVERS RUN - MURRUMBIDGEE AND THE MURRAY** I am waiting for full details of this tour so let me know if you are interested (this also is a Kingston Tour )

**13/10/2013 -18/10/2013 Annual PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2013 this is being held in Albury Wodonga.**

**19/11/2013 – 2/12/2013 DAWN PRINCESS CRUISE 13 DAYS MELBOURNE – NZ - MELBOURNE**  
**Auckland; Tauranga; Napier; Wellington; Akaroa; Dunedin (Port Chalmers; Fiordland National Park Scenic**  
**Cruising APPROX: \$2200-\$2500 pp twin share**  
**Full details and cost will be available after the AGM in March. Contact Mike or Denise in the meantime.**

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT ME OR YOU MAY MISS OUT  
**BILL REDMOND Tel: 5443 1541 Email:**

**Subject: Over paid**

A motor mechanic was removing the cylinder head from the engine of a BMW M3 when he noticed a well-known cardiologist standing in the service area.

The cardiologist was waiting for the manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?" A bit surprised, the cardiologist walked over to where the mechanic was working.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took out the valves, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in and when I finished it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$24,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic.....

"Try doing it with the engine running"

## Guest Speaker for the 17<sup>th</sup> April

Ken Johnson, he will be talking about his trekking experience with his donkeys.

Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:

**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April for May Probe**

Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email [secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au](mailto:secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au)

## NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

**Thursday April 11th at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am**

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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,  
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