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## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

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OUR SPEAKER TODAY has spent 25 years making plants grow. He is SANDY IRELAND, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation with the Bendigo City Council.

During his lengthy career he has been Curator, Necropolis Trust at Springvale, Assistant Superintendent with the City of Camberwell, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens with the City of Knox before taking up his present position in Bendigo.

A Specialist in Horticulture, he can no doubt tell you why your craniums won't grow in solid rock, as the Little Lady insists they will!

AT OUR LAST MEETING Bendigo Mayor, Cr. Norman Quin took us through the highlights of his year of office, and answered many of our questions. He convinced us that, not only does the Mayor require the wisdom of Solomon, but he has to have the stamina of a long-distance runner to get through his enormous schedule of duties.

To many, it was regrettable that the Ratepayers saw fit to 'retire' Norman at the recent elections, but whatever they may have thought was his shortcomings it cannot be denied that he did not spare himself, or his family in the execution of his mayoral duties.

He will be a hard act to follow!

\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER! MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 20th AUGUST AT 10.00 A.M.

FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT comes this important message:

At the next meeting, to be held on the 17th September, 1986, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Associations Incorporation Act' members will be requested to:-

- (1) Authorise Mr. KEITH F. INGLIS to incorporate the Club under the title, 'Probus Club of Bendigo, Incorporated'.
- (2) Approve a proposed Statement of Purposes and proposed rules.

As it requires the vote of at least 51% of the total membership of the Club present at the meeting, PLEASE make an effort to be there.

PROOF OF THE VALUE of Inter-Club contacts was established when 5 couples from our Club enjoyed dinner with 36 members and their Ladies from the Probus Club of Doncaster-Templestowe. Notable events were:

Joan Gloster met an old friend from schooldays - instant recognition; Arthur and Kath Eaton met a couple from a recent New Zealand tour; Colin McDonald and his Wife renewed acquaintances with Doncaster-ites arising from a Warrnambool visit last year; Ray and Ollie Downey caught up with Ray's brother, Jim, and his wife Mavis. To escape the kitchen chores Ollie talked Ray into joining the party for lunch next day. Also present at lunch were Pres. Bob, Graeme Cheatley and Albie Cooper (complete with Presentation Mug).

In a packed programme the visitors rode the trams, meandered around Central Deborah, stood in awe and admiration in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, made contact with the goats (4-legged variety - not human) at the Mohair Farm and expressed themselves well satisfied with the day's activities.

COMING EVENTS: Friday, September 26th. Boonook and Deniliquin Tour. Cost \$6 (meals included). This tour is booked out with a waiting list for possible cancellations!

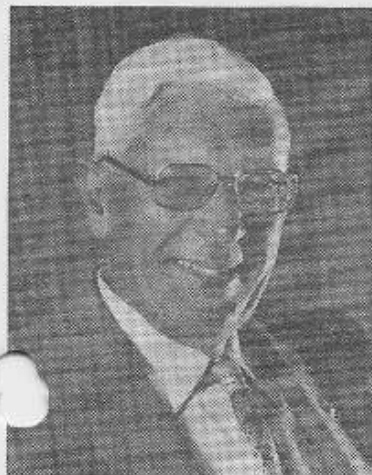
Wednesday, October 8th. Stawell and Halls Gap. Co \$12 each (includes admittance to Mini-World and Wildflower exhibition). Counter Lunch extra. Very few vacancies left for this one!

FILM MORNING at the Library was an outstanding success, culminating with a superb meal at 'Pinkies' opposite. Fellowship was high and complaints nil. Projectionist Ted Driscoll added the professional touch to the film presentation in the very comfortable Theatre which lived up to the importance of the name that it bears.

BRITISH NOVELIST William Golding tells with delight of the policeman who gave him a parking ticket the day after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

"Can't you read?" she asked.

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IT HAS BEEN SAID that the landscape in the area of the Mt. Lyall mines in North-west Tasmania resembles the dead surface of the moon. Denuded of trees by the Mining companies, and the sulphurous fumes from the smelters killing all vegetation it follows that not even a blade of grass will grow in this desolate area. Curiously, only Man - the destroyer - survives!

One who would agree with this description is former Taswegian,

ALLAN TEMPLE DINGLE

who, having been born in Melbourne in 1915, spent the early years of his life in this desolate, isolated area where his father was Foreman at the Mt. Read Mine, 15 Km east of Zeehan.

His primary school at Gormanston was set in this lunar landscape - football and cricket was played on the hard gravel surface and, no doubt, any talk of 'Lawn Bowls' would be greeted with satirical laughter!

Roads to and from Mt. Lyall were non-existent prior to the end of World War 2 so in 1926, when the first vehicle (a Dodge motor car) arrived it had to be transported by rail. To travel from Gormanston to Mt. Lyall it was customary to ride on a truck hauled up one side of the mountain and lowered down the other.

Rainfall was measured in FEET and Allan vividly recalls how his father would wield a wide-mouthed shovel to clear a path through the snow so that the family could visit the customary outdoor toilet!

After a torturous journey through rugged terrain involving a car, three trains and a boat Allan arrived in Melbourne for his secondary education at Swinburn Technical College where he obtained his Intermediate Technical Certificate and started a Diploma Course. The depression intervened and he became an apprentice to the cabinet makers, John Kennuluck & Son in Hawthorn. Nights were spent studying at the Working Mens' College (now RMIT) where he completed an Honour Course in Cabinet Making, Carpentry, Joining and Building Construction.

A career in Technical School teaching beckoned, and after a number of metropolitan appointments he arrived at Stawell Technical School. This was a significant appointment, for it was here that he married his wife, Thelma, and they reared three sons.

After Stawell, Allan became a virtual Education Department tourist as he climbed the career ladder, finally spending his last nine working years as Principal, Special Class, at the White Hills Technical School.

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ALLAN TEMPLE DINGLE (Cont) ... Voluntary service to the community became a second career to Allan and occupied most of his leisure time. If he were to wear a medal for every project for which he has been an active worker he would resemble the popular concept of a Russian General! Municipal Libraries, Kindergartens, Scouting Committees, YMCA, National Fitness, Homes and Hospitals for the Aged - all know the value of the Dingle touch.

So impressive is his record of service to the community that in 1982 he won a trio of citizen Awards. He was 'Citizen of the Year' for Strathfieldsaye, with a similar honour from the City of Bendigo. This culminated in his being awarded the prestigious Order of Australia Medal. Wife Thelma is no backslider when it comes to civic efforts and this year they had the pleasure of celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Currently, Allan Dingle is Chairman, Strath-Haven Council, and a member of various organizations including Golden Oaks Village, Bendigo Home and Hospital for the Aged, Victorian Retired State Teachers' Association, Rotary Club of Bendigo and, most importantly, the Probus Club of Bendigo!

NEW MEMBERS ... At the last meeting Harold Butler was inducted into the Club. An ex-member of the RAAF, Harold was for 40 years a watch-maker and jeweller at Malvern. He was nominated by Allan Dingle.

Ted Driscoll has been nominated by Cyril Michelsen and will be accepted into the Club. Ted was the projectionist for our Film Morning. We welcome these new members.

#### PROBUS ... Its Origin and Purpose

PROBUS originated as an association of retired and semi-retired men who joined together in autonomous clubs throughout the world. This concept was later extended to provide Probus clubs for women in similar circumstances.

The word PROBUS is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness but membership is not restricted to these two groups. It embraces also former executives of government and other organisations and, in fact, anyone who has had some measure of responsibility in any field of endeavour. Probus (Latin) means good, honest, virtuous, decent, real or proper. The English word Probity is one of its derivatives.

The basic purpose of a Probus club is to provide regular gatherings for those who, in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of a similar level of interest.

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