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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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GUEST SPEAKER at the August Meeting will be NEIL BURNS who is Chief Administrator of the Bendigo Water Board. The subject of Neil's address is unknown. I won't waste space guessing!

At the July Meeting members were advised of the death of FRED HENDY and noted that his funeral had been held out of Bendigo. The sympathy of the Club has been expressed to Mrs. Hendy.

WITH A SENSE OF LOSS we record the death of Foundation member and 1st president BOB CAMPBELL. Bob served our club well, arranging the speakers for our meetings as well as giving strength to the executives in the formulation of policy.

Bob was devoted to Community Service in a bewildering array of local projects. We will not record these here - they have been well documented in other areas. But this devotion is well illustrated in the fact that, even during a lengthy illness (and only a few hours before his death), he discussed with the family the possibility of future speakers for the Probos Club.

The death of ROBERT L. CAMPBELL, MBE has robbed the whole community of Bendigo of one of its' most valuable citizens and he will be sadly missed.

Our sincere sympathy has been expressed to Phyllis and daughters Marian, Barbera and Lynn.

Vale, Bob Campbell.

RVB.

As stated earlier it is always a pleasant experience to listen to an articulate speaker who knows the subject matter thoroughly. Members who attended the July Meeting enjoyed hearing DAVID HUNTER - Shire Engineer for Strathfieldsaye - speak on the development of a Technology Park in Bendigo.

David, who obtained his qualification in Civil Engineering at Ballarat C.A.E. addressed a number of issues that impact on the proposal to establish the Bendigo Region as a Technological Precinct.

Historically Technology Parks have developed since Silicon Valley in U.S.A. rose to prominence. The first "Park" in Australia was developed in Adelaide. Although there has been criticism of this "Park" - partly because of the Corporate involvement - there have been successes mainly due to the skill of the companies involved in marketing the research results where practicable.

Also historically Australians have been renowned for their innovative skills and for missing out when it came to marketing. Examples quoted were Photocopying and the "black box" flight recorder.

A further consideration in the development of "Parks" in Australia is the perceived need to change the reliance of our economy from one depending on primary products to one where there is greater reliance on secondary and tertiary industry.

The Bendigo proposal was first recommended by the Bendigo Development Committee and the Bendigo C.A.E. It will differ from other centres based on Universities at Melbourne, LaTrobe and Monash and the Research Centre at Werribee in that it will provide a reference centre only for this region rather than an integrated Park as in earlier models.

Bendigo will focus on Rural research that may develop from current leadership in Pig research, gold tailings processing, salinity research. Other factors that have contributed to Bendigo being considered as a technology precinct have been the appropriate courses being conducted at Bendigo C.A.E., the availability of land in Edwards Road, and Bendigo's position as a major link in the proposed National Optical Fibre Communication system.

David's address concluded with a firm statement concerning the future need for legislation to maximise the benefits from Management Investment Companies, the need for High-Risk Capital and for counselling on the relationship between innovation and economical product development.

In response to questions David outlined developments in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Singapore that were along similar lines, and advised that he expected work to start on the first building in 1990. Victorian Government support was also noted.

David was introduced by JOCK CROOK and thanked by TED DRISCOLL.

TOURS AND ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY: August 23rd: TRIP TO G.T.V. 9 MELBOURNE: to participate as audience for the production of "SALE OF THE CENTURY" with Tony Barber. Depart at 8.30 am: from Strath Community Complex, Crook Street. Arrival on return home: approx 6.45 p.m. Morning Tea: BYO or obtain at stop. Lunch: BYO or purchase snacks at shops near GTV 9. Coach: 45. At present 12 emergencies. COST: Coach fare \$8.00/person, admission free. (PLEASE FINALISE PAYMENTS TODAY).

WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 13TH: TRIP TO MELBOURNE: (Coach capacity 45).

(a) Port of Melbourne Authority - "Port Cruise".

(b) Inspection of Government House.

Departure at: 6.30 a.m. Sharp (in order to be in time for boat departure) from: Strath Community Complex, Crook Street. COST: \$11.50/person which includes coach and admissions. Lunch: obtainable at World Trade Centre. Current Bookings (45) plus 26 emergencies. Estimated arrival home: approx. 6.00 p.m. *** (PAYMENTS TODAY PLEASE) ***
(Please check the listing).

WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 11TH & THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH: TRIP TO PHILLIP ISLAND:

Sightseeing on way to Cowes - "View the Penguin Parade". Sightseeing Mornington Peninsular. Coach capacity: (44) at present 20 emergencies. Cost/person \$99.00, which includes: Coach Fare, D.B.&B & Sightseeing. **A \$10.00 deposit is payable today (by first 44): emergency listing will be in order booking received. Balance of payments to be made direct to Houlden's Bendigo direct, one month prior to departure date.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD: TRIP TO THE DANDENONGS & RIDE PUFFING BILLY.

Bookings for Puffing Billy have been confirmed. The trip will include a ride on Puffing Billy and sightseeing in the Dandenongs. Estimated costing: \$15.00/person which includes coach fare and admissions. Current bookings (45), plus 16 emergencies.

(THE DRAWING POWER OF STEAM (ALEC CROTHERS))

Strathdale Community Centre, 9.30 am on 24th July.

There was the coach, and there was Arthur straining at the leash - panting! This was one Probus trip he could not miss, nor could any other steam enthusiast. Even those of us who are not so enthusiastic about railways could not deny feeling a sentimental glow when "The Flying Scotsman" came steaming into view and pulled into the station at Seymour. There she was (he was?), the most famous locomotive in the world, in the traditional dark green livery of LNER; We must have seen it scores of times in travel books, encyclopedias, on posters, on cigarette cards. It was part of our culture in the 1930's along with S.S. Queen Mary and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

After we saw the train discharge its passengers then disappear in the direction of Broadford we followed up to the railway yards to see it return, tender first.

Then the engine was put on the turntable, its tanks topped up, and it returned to the station to pick up the passengers and return them to Melbourne. Our final sight was of the engine, steam and smoke pouring out, pistons and connecting rods flashing in the sunshine.

We had two more calls. The first was to the rail museum, which had plenty of well maintained, but hard won exhibits. The second was to the River View Winery. Both enjoyable. Thanks Arthur!

KEN HESSE

Bendigonian or Kiwi? Ken was born in New Zealand in 1909 of Bendigo born parents. The family moved back to Victoria in 1912 and to Bendigo in 1922. Ken's education was completed at the Bendigo Technical School and the School of Mines where he studied Electrical Engineering.

Ken commenced work in an electrical business as an employee in 1929 and was able to take over the business on the death of his employer in 1935. Later Ken's brother, who had been his accountant, joined the firm as a partner. Between them they built up the firm until, in 1978, it had a staff of 28.

Other business activities included directorships of both the Bendigo Building Society and the Sandhurst Trustees for over 16 years.

As a member of the R.A.A.F. from 1941 to 1945 Ken spent two years as a electrical instructor and 16 months stationed in New Guinea. He is widowed with one daughter.

Involvement in community affairs began for Ken in 1950 when he joined the Rotary Club of Bendigo. He was President of that club in 1955-56 and his project was "Care of The Elderly". This involvement led to the formation of The Bendigo and District Old People's Welfare Society, the building of the first Senior Citizens Club, and the start of the Golden Oaks Village. He also fathered the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk in 1966.

When the Bendigo Trust was formed in 1971 one of its foundation members was Ken Hesse. He has been chairman of the Trust's Tramways Committee since 1972 and has been active in the restoration of the 15 trams that are now operative. Another 15 to go!

Service to education has also formed part of Ken's life. He has spent 8 years on the Council of the Bendigo School of Mines and 8½ years on the Council of Girton College. During this latter term he was instrumental in the development of the Junior School from a minor adjunct of the school to its current major position.

Other contributions to the Bendigo community can be illustrated by his Life Governorship of both the Anne Caudle Centre and the Bendigo Base Hospital. He has also delivered "meals-on-wheels" for over 15 years, and was a Church Elder for 30 years.

BILLIARDS Anyone wishing to have a game of billiards or snooker is invited to the Eaglehawk Billiard Club room at 2.00 pm on Monday 21st August. July's dark horse was TRAVIS WILSON!