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

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

**GUEST SPEAKER** at the August meeting will be another member of the Victorian Police Force. Sgt KEL FORREST will address member on Property Programs conducted by the force.

Well, your editor has erred again! In the last issue of "Probe" I referred to IAN ALEXANDER of V.E.F. fame. I should have known that the fame related to the Australian Chamber of Manufacturers.

Of course this turned out to be of minor significance as IAN'S topic when he spoke to the July meeting was the completely unrelated subject of Dobermans (Sorry John).

IAN made his presentation in the form of a story about a family who owned a poodle that allowed their house to be burgled and the family's subsequent decision to buy a dog that would not permit a recurrence of the burglary. Having selected their dog from a doberman litter, this family was later encouraged to "Show" this dog to find that despite it being the runt of the litter when purchased it won 1st prize at its first show.

Having had further show successes with their dog this family decided to breed from him to find that he was a successful sire in that his offspring also won prizes.

After some concentrated study of dog-breeding this family subsequently decided to import a dog from America. A study of the pedigree of a dog that was for sale - the expenditure of a decent amount - and a delay while the dog was in quarantine culminated in a successful breeding program. The family has now "Shown" the Australian Champion dog and the Australian Champion Bitch and has scores of ribbons and sashes won by their dogs.

Additionally the import of the dog as referred above and the subsequent breeding program has resulted in the import of two more dogs and the export of nine others. (Could help our balance of payments). Additionally the family is now world famous in that photographs of their dogs have appeared in major dog publications.

By way of background to the story members were advised that the doberman is a recent breed that was developed in Germany after a poundkeeper/tax collector by the name of Doberman set out to establish a breed of dog that was literally unstoppable. Doberman did not complete this task but subsequent breeding led to today's dog that was described as being the most intelligent of dogs and could be likened to a politician in that it was "all mouth and runs like hell".

In response to questions Ian advised that dobermans came in four colours - black, brown, blue and fawn and that the docking of tails and cropping of ears was part of the "unstoppable" notion in that these treatments ensured that the dog could not be immobilised by anyone lifting either its head or hindquarters.

During the presentation members became aware of "heavy breathing" behind them and later found that the source of the breathing was one of the champion breed. As sated by Ian - the breed is highly intelligent - it wandered around the group for a brief period, decided that we were all too old to be dangerous and sat down and went to sleep.

Ian was introduced by JOHN GRIFFIN and ably thanked by ALEX CROTHERS who made the usual presentation.

### TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

#### TUESDAY AUGUST 21st - VISIT TO BENDIGO BY FORREST HILL PROBIANS & WIVES.

An invitation is extended to Probians and Wives to join with them at Bendigo Pottery, during their lunch break, approx. 12.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Bring your own Picnic Lunch.

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 23rd - VISIT TO TELECOM COMPLEX (Short Street, Bendigo).

Group 1 (24) at 10.15 a.m. Group 2 (24) at 10.45 a.m.

Duration 1½ hours.

Inspections will include: Electronic Trunk Equipment, Manual Assistance Centre and Iterra (Satellite Main Earth Station).

\*\*\*Please check tour time for which you booked on list\*\*\*

Vacancies (7) for 10.15 a.m. and (7) for 10.45 a.m.

Transport - use own car.

Please report on time to Short Street entrance, ask for Security.

#### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17th TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24th

8 day/7 nights. "TRIP TO HUNTER VALLEY/HAWKESBURY RIVER-GOSFORD SYDNEY & RETURN HOME VIA THE BLUE MOUNTAINS" (Depart 7.30 a.m. from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street).

COST: \$470/person. Includes: D.B.B. Accommodation, Coach Fares,

and Entry Fees. Value for money with this excellent trip. (Itineraries available).

**Coach Capacity:** (44), Current Bookings (39). Additional bookings and emergencies required. (Phone Arthur 43 9162).

\*\*\*FINAL PAYMENTS are to be made direct to Houlden's Bus Lines, Charing Cross, **one month prior to date of travel** (ie. Friday August 17th).

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 23rd - VISIT TO DANDENONGS-OLINDA RHODODENDRON GARDENS & WILLIAM RICKETT'S SANCTUARY.**

See the Dandenongs at their best. The Rhododendron Gardens (many acres) will be blaze of colour. Take own Picnic Lunch. (For those who desire lunch may be available).

**COST:** \$16.00/person. **Includes:** Coach Fare and Entrances to both attractions. **Coach Capacity:** (45), currently full (45) with 25 emergencies.

**NOVEMBER 27th, 28th & 29th (MONDAY TO THURSDAY)** 3 day/2 night.

**COST:** \$150/person. **Includes:** Accommodation, D.B.B., Coach Fare and Entrances. **Coach Capacity:** (44) Current definite bookings (34).

\*\*\*Additional bookings and emergencies are required. (List will be tabled).

Especially designed for those who like a shorter trip. Accommodation at Beuna Vista Motor Inn, Geelong (John & Errin Ligerwood) including a concert hour with John "Songs of Old".

**Day 1** Bendigo Geelong and Sightseeing. **Day 2** Geelong to Apollo Bay and return (see the beautiful coastline). **Day 3** Port Arlington, Indented Head, St. Leonards, Pt. Lonsdale and return to Bendigo.

\*\*\*For trips information/bookings phone Arthur (43 9162).

I sincerely hope that the following insight to my sense of humour doesn't offend any member. The following statement appeared in "The Age" of 19th June under the heading "Jews who are not Jewish". The quote reads:-

"That 95% of the Soviet Jewish males expected to settle in Israel in the next five years are uncircumcised is just one of the problems pending from the mass migration".

Are we to see an inspection system introduced? Where? At the airport? In the immigration office?? Are the older males to face the knife? Mental images abound!!

### **WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?**

A Senior Citizen is one who was here before the pill and the population explosion. We were here before TV, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics, frisbees and fluorescent lights.

Before frozen foods, nylons, radar, credit cards and ball point pens. Girls never wore slacks. We were here before panty hose and drip-dry clothes, before dish washers, clothes dryers, freezers, electric blankets and electric razors.

A chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

Before men wore long hair and ear-rings, before yoghurt, plastic, the

38 hour week, the minimum wage and workcare. We thought fast food was what we ate during lent.

We got married first and then lived together.

We were here before DDT, vitamin pills, disposable nappies, pizzas, instant coffee, decaffeinated anything, McDonalds or Kentucky Chicken. We were here before FM Radios, tape recorders, electric typewriters, Muzac and compact discs.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable but grass was something you mowed or fed to the cows. Pot was something you cooked in or put under the bed. If we'd been asked to explain MS, CIA, UFO, LBJ, NATO - we'd have said alphabet soup!

We are today's Senior Citizens - a hardy bunch when you think how our world has changed and of the adjustments we have had to make.  
(Author Unknown)

In last months Probe I reprinted an extract from Issue No. 1 of May 1985. I intend to reprint snippets from earlier issues on a monthly basis. The following was found in issue No. 2.

"Congratulations to fellow member Tom Roberts for being awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours. A well-deserved recognition for many years of service to the community."

Some months ago I published a report of a BARRETT SAFARI trip to the Gulf of Carpentaria. I am indebted to Clark Jeffrey for the following additional notes compiled on a more recent private trip.

"Lawn Hill Gorge" is described as the most magnificent out-back tourist spots of them all. It has overhanging cliffs of red rock, crystal clear water with white lilies, and fish of many colours. The banks are lush green with tropical palms.

The Gregory River is not only beautiful but is fast flowing. It is known for its crystal clear water and its rapids. The Gregory Downs Canoe Race down the rapids now draws crowds of 12,000.

Contact with the Royal Flying Doctor Service is instantaneous. One member required medical attention while we were at Lawn Hill Gorge. The patient spoke directly to the doctor who prescribed medicine that was in the Ranger's Office some 100 metres away. R.F.D.S. medical kits are located right around our out-back and are highly appreciated.

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**HOW TO HANDLE A WOMAN** A young woman walked into a police station and gave the Sergeant a detailed description of a man who had dragged her by the hair down three flights of stairs, threatened to choke her and finally beat her up.

The Sergeant was sympathetic. "With that description," he said, "We'll have him arrested and in gaol in next to no time".

"But I don't want him arrested," she replied, "I just want you to find him - he promised to marry me!"