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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.

The Guest Speaker at the August Meeting is our own Member, John Neil, who will speak on the subject "The changing scene in Eastern Europe, based on two visits to the Czech Republic, one before and one after the "Velvet Revolution"."

At our July meeting we heard a very interesting talk by Dr David Brown, who is the Director of the Loddon Campaspe College of TAFE.

After being introduced by Alan Dingle, Dr Brown commenced his performance by posing three conundrums.

What do you call a paddock full of Irishmen? - A paddy field.

What do you call a paddock full of Australians? - A vacant lot.

Why do you allow an Aussie only 20 mins. for lunch? - If you give him longer he needs retraining.

This provided an opening for the subject of training. David began with a brief historical introduction with some really historical pictures of the college and some of the personalities associated with its early days. Following this up, David showed us pictures of the newer buildings, most of which were inaugurated during his term of office. To complete that picture, we had some future plans shown.

One of the most interesting threads in the description was the changing roles of the Octagonal Building. It has been a library twice. It has been a laboratory, a classroom. It has been partitioned into all shapes of rooms. The gallery has been concealed by a false ceiling. It's future represents yet another use, as a restaurant for the Hospitality Organisation.

The TAFE College is now a widely scattered business, spread over North Central Victoria. One unexpected aspect is that it has the responsibility of conducting Educational Programmes in three prisons in its area.

The student enrolment in 1992 was 7973 students of which 57% were male. The total budget was \$1 million in 1976 and is \$14 million.

Plans are in hand for new courses in many areas of study and will consist of Certificate, Advanced Certificate and Associate Diploma Courses.

In the end, Ken Coles made appropriate remarks and thanked Dr Brown, making the usual presentation.

OBITUARY

Members will be very sorry at the passing away of Harold Every, a foundation member of the Club. Our sympathies are expressed for Vesta and his family.

The Deniliquin Tour Report

42 Members and Friends took a 2 day tour to Deniliquin N.S.W. mid July. We visited 3 Pokie Clubs each with meals and where we gained calories and a few also gained jackpots.

We also had a guided tour around the town of Deniliquin and its environs including the Rice Mill, Rotary Club Projects; we wriggled out from a Worm Farm, and we were introduced to close to ground crop flying techniques at the Deniliquin aerodrome.

At the Rice Mill we learnt that 90% of our Australian rice production is exported - even sending increasing quantities to China and Japan.

The Rotary Projects included the re-building of a Railway Platform and Rail Line extension for tourist development near the township; a Multi-Sporting Complex of over 30 acres (a 15 year project) and the landscaping of 2 other land sites for beautification and general public use. All this Rotary Club challenge being initiated and gradually being planned and built by a Club of just 33 members - to date a successful story just 2 years into the programme.

The touring group were so impressed with the local Deniliquin, Rotary, they donated \$56 from a quick spontaneous whip-around.

Overall the tour group totally enjoyed our full 2 days and we are looking to another short trip to where-ever.

These short trips are becoming quite a popular feature of our Bendigo Probus tours programme.

Our grateful thanks to Arthur Eaton for yet another well organised tour.

Signed: Sausages and Mash (Banana Reporter)

TRIPS INFORMATION FOR AUGUST

TRIP OF YEAR - MILDURA/BROKEN HILL (Sunday August 15th-Friday August 20th) Depart: 8.00 a.m. (Sunday August 15th) from Strath Community Centre Crook Street. Suggest: Bring Picnic Lunch.

MOTELS: Mildura "Inlander Sun Resort" Deakin Ave. Telephone 050 23 3823. Broken Hill "Silver Haven" 080 87 2218.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH : TRIP TO TULIP FESTIVAL - SILVAN Maximum (48); Current Bookings (58) Spring will be upon us and the hillsides of the Dandenongs a blaze of colour. At Tesselhaar's Silvan, we will visit the famous "Annual Tulip Festival", capture the magic of spring and the Dutch influence with: Dutch National costumes, windmills, music, tens of thousands of tulips, thousands of daffodils - "a breathtaking tapestry of colour". **Lunch:** A selection of hot foods, ice creams and soft drinks plus "Dutch Treats" are available, or take own picnic lunch - lawn areas available. **Cost:** \$17/person, includes coach fare and entry to Tulip Festival. Departure from Strath Community Centre Crook Street at 7.30 a.m. **Payments:** At August 18th Meeting. Those on "Trip of Year" may send direct to Treasurer J. Crook if they wish.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 28TH, 1993 - TRIP TO BALLARAT SOVEREIGN HILL Maximum 48. Current 32. An excellent offer has been received from "Sovereign Hill" \$11.00/person, "all inclusive as detailed below":- Entry to Sovereign Hill, guided tour of Voyage to Discovery, entry to Gold Museum, complimentary coach ride, lunch which includes: soup, sandwiches, fresh baked apple pie, tea or coffee. *** (Normally approx. \$25/person)

Total Cost: Coach Fare plus Sovereign Hill (as above); \$20/person List at August 18th meeting. **Payments** at September 15th meeting. **Depart** approx. 8.30a.m. and **arrive home** approx. 5.30p.m.

Note If listing not filled at August 18th Meeting, trip then open to "friends of Probus".

Trips enquiries to Arthur (43 9162)

PROBUS CLUBS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

As at March 1st, 1993, club numbers where as follows-

Clubs in A.C.T. - 13
Norfolk Island - 1
N.S.W. - 429
N. Territory - 2
QLD - 146
S.A. - 170
Tasmania - 62
Victoria - 337
W.A. - 91
New Zealand - 270

Total Clubs - 1521

THE BIG 100

A glance at the first page of this Probe shows that it is number 92. Soon we shall be having Issue No. 100 and a special enlarged issue is planned. Suggestions from members of items to present in No. 100 will be very welcome.

