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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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

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Today we welcome back our President, Jim Aitken, after his stay in sunny Queensland.

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GUEST SPEAKER - The Speaker at today's meeting is a Commissioner of the City of Greater Bendigo Les Crofts, who will speak on "Municipal Restructuring".

At last month's meeting we heard Graham Welton speaking on "Tutoring in the Outback". Graham, a primary school teacher by training, participates in the R E V I S E programme. For periods of four to seven weeks the members stay at some outback station and carry out tutoring of the children, relieving the usual tutor, most often the mother, of what would otherwise be done by the tutor, and living with the family during this time. Graham's wife is also in the scheme, but they are sent to different assignments.

The R E V I S E scheme began in 1991, and is a child of the present recession. The luxury of employing a tutor or governess is out of reach for the present, so the task of tutoring falls to a member of the family, usually the mother, and of course she has her other work to do besides.

One of Graham's assignments was to Dulkaninna, which is 80km from Maree along the Birdsville Track, here there were 2 pupils. Another assignment was to Roxby Downs where a room in the house was the schoolroom for the 3 pupils. While he was there Graham was able to make a tour of underground workings of the mine.

When R E V I S E of Western Australia was short of teachers Graham went to help out and was sent to Muggon, a sheep station of 1½ million acres, 13,000 sheep and even more feral goats.

The two bases of the teaching are the School of the Air, and correspondence courses, the latter needing special supervision by mother or tutor.

Graham's talk gave us a graphic picture of how Outback Australians live and work. Graham was introduced by Ray Downey and after the talk, the presentation and vote of thanks was made by Ken Burch.

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### TRIPS INFORMATION

TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994 : SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 1994. (7 Days/6 Nights). Based on Wagga 5 nights and Canberra 1 night. \*\*\*Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival\*\*\*

The cost is \$420 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation D.B.B., morning and afternoon teas and entry fees. Maximum 46 - Current 46 EMERGENCIES REQUIRED : OPEN TO FRIENDS.

SUNDAY to Wagga, MONDAY tours Wagga area, TUESDAY to Canberra (Over night Canberra), WEDNESDAY tours Canberra and return to Wagga, THURSDAY tour to Junee, Temora areas, FRIDAY tour to Narrandera/Leeton area, SATURDAY depart Wagga for home. \*\*A beauty - don't miss out\*\*

FINAL PAYMENT is due August 17th at "Southern Cross Travel", Pall Mall.

PROBUS "SECRET EAT OUT" visits in Greater Bendigo area. Thursday October 20th, 1994.

VISITS to three locations in Greater Bendigo area. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided, with talks and inspections at each location. An interesting and enjoyable day is assured. We travel by Southern Cross coach. Departure is at 9.45 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. We will return by 5.00 p.m. Dress is casual clothes and walking shoes.

The cost is \$20 per person which includes coach fare, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and entrance fees. Maximum 53. Payments at the August 17th Meeting please.

\*Please note - as Arthur will be away from July 23rd until August 21st, kindly contact Alec Crothers (43 2642) during this period regarding trips bookings, information etc.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH TO THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH (INCL). (3 Days/  
2 Nights). SWAN HILL - TOOLEYBUC - STAYING AT LAZY RIVER MOTEL -  
SWAN HILL.

The cost is \$125 per person which includes 5 star coach, 2 nights  
accommodation, breakfasts, all meals, all entry fees. "Value for  
money trip". Departure is at 7.45 a.m. on November 8 and arrive  
home 5.00 p.m. on November 10. Maximum 45 : Current 58. refer to  
June issue of "Probe" for details.

Final payments at September 21st Meeting please.

Arthur Eaton.

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\*\* ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS \*\*

The Probus Annual Golf Day, which was to be held on June 7th and  
was cancelled due to inclement weather, will now be held on August  
16th at the Neanger Park Golf Links at 12 noon.

Entry is \$8.00 per person.

This year entry is for Members and also Partners, because of  
the anticipated fewer entries as a result of migration to warmer  
northern climates, you may bring a friend.

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Ralph Michell.

PROBUS CLUBS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

A.C.T.	14
Norfolk Island	1
N.S.W.	442
Northern Territory	2
Queensland	152
South Australia	189
Tasmania	63
Victoria	370
Western Australia	97
New Zealand	290
TOTAL	<u>1620</u>

## MEMBER PROFILE - TED JENKINS

Ted was born in 1925 and lived mostly in Melbourne apart from 10 years in Red Cliffs after the 1932 Depression, and 5 years in Port Pirie. His grandfather came from Wales round about 1865 and worked on gold mines here, in New Zealand and also South Africa. Ted's grandmother (nee Oldfield) was born near Spring Gully; she raised a family of twelve children in Kangaroo Gully, Ted's father was the third youngest of the twelve. Ted has three children, all of whom are married, and five grandchildren.

In 1948, Ted qualified through RMIT as a metallurgist. He had a varied working experience, in steel mills, on research at CSIRO and in lead smelting. The last 30 years was spent with ICI Yarraville, as Works Manager for 16 years, on production of fertilisers, acids, chlorine and chlorine-based chemicals.

Ted has been in Rotary since 1972 (Senior Active and now in the second year as Secretary, Bendigo). Since retirement his interests have included his family, Probus (He was Secretary of Templestowe Probus for 2 years), home workshop, music (U3A recorder group) and studying Welsh.

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