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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, 2 Cook Street, Bendigo 3550.

The Guest Speaker at todays meeting is Glenis Pitson, who will relate her experiences in the Holy Land.

President Ralph extends a warm invitation to our wives to attend this meeting to hear our Guest Speaker.

At the July Meeting, Cr. Megan Weston, Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo gave us a comprehensive overview of a positive approach for the advancement of our City.

Bendigo at present is a leader among regional areas in sectors such as Tourism Populations and Economic Growth and Sporting Facilities. She went on to say we are the number one Victorian Destination outside Melbourne for Australian Tourists and it is happening more by what we offer than by slick, glossy promotions. Bendigo is attracting interest from all walks of life with the new facility such as Discovery, the new saleyards, View Street Precinct, not to mention 37.5 million dollar allocation to Health.

'Events Bendigo' was formed to maintain our reputation as a place of activity. The Calendar for the next 12 months indicates there is a Festival, Sporting Event Race or Competition occuring every 2nd day. The Capital Theatre and the Art Gallery has attracted, Picture Framing, Pottery and Commercial Galleries in the once empty shops in View Street.

Mention was made of Engineering Industry such as A.D.I., Goninans at Railway workshops - Industrial Conveyancing, and Keetch Castings, all of which operations require the support of smaller engineering facilities.

Education is now a business in Greater Bendigo earning export dollars in Asia with students from Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia with our educational expertise. The Economic Development unit has already contacted hundreds of businesses to assist with marketing and developing business contacts.

Finally the Mayor felt Bendigo needs an Icon and made a plea to Probians to come up with an appropriate suggestion which she would greatly appreciate.

In thanking the Mayor, our former Town Clerk, Jack Watts, made mention that as early as the 1960's, amalgamation was mooted which he supported, but it took the present Government to take the necessary action to bring this about, Jack said he had been 45 years in Local Government, 35 of which as a Town Clerk, but he had never had the experience of serving with a Lady Mayor. I sensed he would have enjoyed working with a Lady Mayor with the enthusiasm and personality of our Guest Speaker.

BOWLS - The tournament at Eaglehawk listed for the 17th October has been changed to the 24th October.

PERSONAL - Foundation member Jack Taylor has resigned, however he is still a member at Eaglehawk.

BIRTHDAYS - For the Probus record we should note the distinction attained by P.P. Maurice Pease with his elevation to the rank of O.B.E. Membership Dues.

The Treasurer reported to the Committee that 9 of our members are unfinancial - he would appreciate an early response.

A REMINDER - For those members who are specially selected to be stewards, the following duties are listed.

Attend and serve the morning tea and coffee.
Return crockery to kitchen.

After the Meeting:

See that all chairs are stacked neatly along the walls.
Return the tables to the end of Meeting Room.
Sweep floors in Meeting Room and Anti Room.
Vacuum the carpet in the Entrance Area.
Toilets to be flushed and the floor mopped over.

Ensure that all Probus items are returned to Store and that the building left clean and tidy.

TRIPS INFORMATION

TRIP OF THE YEAR - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1996 (6 Day/5 Night).- TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS - STAYING AT PROVIDENCE LODGE (ADAMINABY) ***Maximum (48) Emergencies (12) Host: Col Mayhew (Owner). Cost: \$429/Person twin share: Includes coach, accommodation twin share, full breakfasts, 3 course dinners, lunches and evening supper, morning and afternoon teas, all tours, entries, inspections. FINAL PAYMENTS REQUIRED by cheque, made out to Probus Club of Bendigo, EITHER PRIOR TO OR AT AUGUST 21ST MEETING. (Payments may be made to acting Treasurer Col McLean, 3 Plante Court, Bendigo, 3550. Tel. 43 0209). *

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 1996. GREATER BENDIGO AREA MYSTERY TRIP. Depart 8.45 a.m. Home 5.45 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Maximum (48) Current (84). Cliff Binks has prepared another excellent full day outing. Visits to 5 different locations, short tours, talks and inspections, minimum walking involved. COST: \$22/Person includes coach, morning tea, excellent lunch, afternoon tea (in a grand setting), entry fees. ***Cliff has checked, regret can only run the one trip with one coach (Max 49) on the one day, Thursday October, 17th***

FRIDAY MAY 9TH TO MONDAY MAY 12TH, 1997 (4 Day/3 Nights) MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON PASSENGER VESSEL "PROUD MARY" Max (35). Current bookings (42) **Emergencies Invited** list at meeting. COST: \$435/Person twin share. (Based on 30 paying travellers) (One single prepared to share a Stateroom with the Coach Captain).

- Day 1: Travel by Road Coach to Murray Bridge, via St. Arnaud, Horsham, Nhill, Bordertown, Tailem Bend. Visit to "Cottage Box Chocolates" and board "Proud Mary".
- Day 2: Cruising the Murray River and shore excursions.
- Day 3: Cruising the Murray River and shore excursions, arrive Murray Bridge 4.30 p.m. Stay overnight at Murray Bridge Motor Inn.
- Day 4: Depart by Road Coach for Bendigo, via Lamaroo, Pinaroo, Ouyen.

Proud Mary Cruise Includes all meals, morning and afternoon teas, accommodation in Staterooms (Twin Share), activities and entertainment, shore excursions - "a leisurely interest packed trip". \$435/Person: which includes Road Coach, Proud Mary Package and Murray Bridge Motor Inn (D.B.B.)

PAYMENTS: Deposits \$50/Person due at September 18th Meeting. Insurance at \$19/Person recommended - if taking - pay September 18th. Balance payments due at March 20th Meeting.

**Full details/Itineraries available at August 21st Meeting.

Arthur Eaton.

By courtesy of our Vice President Bill Jacka - the Jeweller, who knows a real pearl when he sees one.

Most of us can afford to take a lesson from the oyster. The most extraordinary thing about the oyster is this: irritations get into his shell. He does not like them. But when he cannot get rid of them, he settles down to make of them one of the most beautiful things in the world: he makes his irritation into a lovely pearl. There are irritations in our lives today, and there is only one prescription: make a pearl. It may have to be a pearl of patience, but, anyhow, make a pearl. And it takes faith and love to do it.

You can always tell a real friend, when you have made a fool of yourself, he doesn't make you feel that you have done a permanent job.

