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

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The guest speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Peter Heider who will speak on the Seeing Eye Dogs.



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At last month's meeting the guest speaker was Terry Davidson who spoke on the Internet with the aid of practical demonstrations on his computer equipment. Terry was introduced by Arthur Cowling.

Terry has been involved with education for most of his working life, particularly with the blind in Australia and America. He has a B. Sc. from Melbourne, a Dip. Ed. from Monash and a M. Ed. from the University of Virginia, U.S.A. From 1992 to 1998 Terry worked at the Anne Caudle Centre as the Recreational Volunteer Coordinator and, since then, has set up his own business in Bendigo called Easi-

Net Services. He has no formal computer training but does not provide education or technical advice.

Terry's interest is with the Internet and in his talks to older people has found that the general attitude was that "I am too old for that, leave it to my grandchildren". This is a great shame, according to Terry, as there is so much of value, so much information on the Internet and it is a pity that people are missing out on it.

The purpose of Terry's visit today is twofold. He has commenced his new business and wants to introduce people to that and secondly, to combat some of the bad publicity which has emanated from the media recently with regard to bombmaking, pornographic and hate sites as these are only a very small percentage of the informative sites that are available.

Terry's portable equipment consists of a laptop computer, an extra display monitor, a small colour printer and two speakers to provide more volume for a group session. As not all in the room would be able to see the screen clearly the demonstration would be structured around access to sound files as well as visual files. Access to the Internet depends on a telephone connection to a Service Provider who, in turn, provides a connection to thousands of computers around the world which store hundreds of millions of documents that are available to be searched for information relevant to an enquiry, all this for the cost of a local call.

Terry then proceeded to access sites which provide the anthems of all countries to the B.B.C. news service. He also demonstrated the telephone directories of Australia and America and accessed the newspapers of the world, including The Bendigo Advertiser. Other sites included music and information on Probus Clubs worldwide. Genealogy, hobbies, sport and chat groups are other areas in which the Internet can be used.

Another use of the Internet is a mailing, or correspondence service called E.Mail which enables printed messages, voice messages and even video clips to be sent to any other E.Mail user in the world; again for the cost of a local telephone call.

Much interest was generated among the members present with many relevant questions. Terry was thanked by Rupert Reynolds for his very interesting talk and demonstrations and he presented him with the usual Probus mug.



### SICK LIST

Several of our members are unwell and we hope that they are on the improve.

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### ANNUAL SUBS.

The treasurer is very happy to advise that all subscriptions have now been brought up to date.

### RESIGNATION

John L'Huiller has resigned from the Club as he is no longer able to attend our meetings. Would members please amend their membership booklets.

## BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to Arthur Cowling who has attained the age of eighty years and to Clive Miller who turned seventy last month. We wish them both well for the future.

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## PROBUS SHIRTS

A little over thirty Probus shirts have been sold. These are still available and arrangements to purchase can be made with Bill Clemens.

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## INTERNET

Further to our talk of last month it may be of interest to members to know that the Internet is available at the Bendigo Library. If you are a registered borrower of the Library you are eligible to make use of this service. It is necessary to book time, at least the day before, and the only charge is twenty cents per sheet of printout. Make your arrangements with the Library.

It is envisaged that a Special Interest Group could be created to enable members with a common interest in the Internet to meet and discuss their interest.



## TRIP TO TESSELARS TULIP FESTIVAL & RHODODENDRON GARDENS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24th, 1999. Maximum: (49) Current (49) Emergencies required and are always needed.

Depart: 7.30 am. Home: Approx 6.00 pm.

\*\* First we visit the Tulip Festival, tens of thousands of tulips, thousands of daffodils, - a breathtaking tapestry of colour.

LUNCH: Buy your own. A selection of hot foods, ice creams, soft drinks, "Dutch Treats" available, or take your own picnic lunch - lawn areas.

\*\* Second a visit to the "Rhododendron Gardens" covers many acres, a blaze of colour. See the Dandenongs at their best. This trip is a "beauty," an interesting & enjoyable trip assured.

COST: \$25.00 per person, includes: Coach & entry fees.

PAYMENTS: \*\*\*\*\* At August 18th meeting please.

TRIP OF THE YEAR - NEW ZEALAND - WED MARCH 29.-TUE APRIL 11, 2000  
EVERGREEN TOURS "14 DAY CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND"- NTH & SOUTH ISLANDS  
MAXIMUM: (48) CURRENT BOOKINGS: (44 ) VACANCIES EXIST.

Brochures & Blue Pamphlet: have been given to each person booked.

Excellent Group Price: (15 - 30) \$2420.00; (30 - 37) \$2390.00;

Over (37) passengers: price will decrease. Price represents a saving of approx \$700 / person from original brochure price.

Price Includes: Transport Bendigo-Tullarmarine-Bendigo, Air Fares, Accommodation (Four Star), Dinner, Bed, Breakfasts, Tours & Entrance Fees

Aust. Airport Departure Tax & Trans Alpine Rail also included.

DEPOSITS: Payment of \$150.00 / person required no later than August 18th meeting please.

PASSPORTS: Are required. For information & renewal, phone 13 1232. Cost: \$126.00 each, valid for 10 years.

INSURANCE: Pamphlet / Applications & additional Trip Brochures / Pamphlets available from Arthur 5443 9162.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 28th, 1999: TRIP TO GEELONG. \*\* Don't miss this Trip.

Depart Bendigo: 8.00 am. Arrive Home: Approx 5.45 pm.

Visits to: Ford Discovery Ctre, a new, highly acclaimed attraction, Cars from the T Model to latest models hot off production line.

LUNCH: Either buy or take Picnic Lunch. Our second visit to the National Wool Museum (winner of 6 tourism awards,) a wealth of interest for all here. On to the Cunningham Pier area, view the bollard sculptures.

COST: \$25 / Person, includes: Coach fare & Entry Fees. LISTING: August 18th meeting:

PAYMENTS: Sept 15th meeting

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25th, 1999: TRIP TO MELBOURNE. Approx \$26 / person

Visits to: Imax Theatre & Emigration Museum & or City Link.

Trips enquiries to Arthur (5443 9162)

Arthur Eaton



*This is not the forerunner of the HQ Holden.*