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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.

All correspondence to be addressed to The Secretary, P.O. Box 1217, Bendigo, 3552.

Our guest speaker today will be Mr. Darren La Ponder who will speak on Community Road Safety.

At our meeting last month we were privileged to hear from Mr. Tom Stewart who is a professional Town Crier. He was introduced by Kevin Houlahan.

Tom's first words centred on football and the fact that he is an ardent supporter of Essendon and has been since the 1970s. He then went on to say that he came to Bendigo as a lad to visit his uncle, the late Bishop Stewart and fell in love with Bendigo and the magnificent buildings. As he moved around the area he came to realize that the country areas were not dying as pronounced by some academics, but was vibrant and capable of much development. The saving of the hospital in Dunolly is a case in point.

About 85% of the population are centred on six capital cities and, if Australia is ever under attack by a hostile foreign power, this makes a very good argument for decentralisation of people and industry.

Tom retired as an Organizer for the Federated Clerks Union in 1992 after becoming dissatisfied with its structure and attitude and looked for something that was more in his interests so he applied for, and was appointed to, the position of Town Crier with the Eaglehawk Council.

Council amalgamations resulted in a change in attitude towards this position and resulted in Tom becoming involved in the developing of the promotion of tourism in Bendigo and surrounding

areas. He still performs as a Town Crier and supporter of the small towns in the region. He cited particularly the case of an academic at a well-known university who stated "that there is no hope of survival for small country towns and residents and they should be given the assistance to relocate to more viable centres".

Tom then went on to detail progress that has been made by other country towns such as Echuca, Rochester, Shepparton and Maldon.

It was obvious from Tom's comments that he is passionate about the sustainability of the country areas, and Bendigo in particular, and will continue to promote the district.

Bill Jacka thanked Tom for his address and presented him with the usual Probus mug.



SICK LIST

As I write this a number of our members are not well. The father of Probus, badger Ray Downey and Ken Gloster are under investigation, medical that is, secretary Arthur Cowling is having a triple bypass in Melbourne and Bill Bell is not able to attend meetings. Our thoughts are with them, and any others who are not well, at this time.

INDUCTION

Acting President Herb Hesse inducted Len Hodren into the Club. Bill Clemens introduced him and we wish him well in his association with us.

REMINDER

Probus Diary is broadcast on KLFM, 96.5 from 10.00 am to 10.30 am on the third Friday of each month. Listening to this program will enable members to keep abreast of the activities in other Clubs and may enable a Bendigo member to take a trip with another Club as some have difficulty in filling a bus.

ACTIVITIES

VISIT TO EMPIRE RUBBER

Twenty members and partners attended on each of the two days of this tour finding it both interesting and informative. We were impressed by the cleanliness and orderliness of the factory. After the tours twelve members and partners had a delicious lunch at the House of Kong. Due to the early completion of Probe this month it is not possible to include a full report of this visit but it is hoped that it will be available next month.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Further to my request for reports on other activities, particularly in relation to the golfers and the Shed, I have not had one single report. Are the golfers shy about their results? I know that the Shed has been visited; what about some indication of the equipment available.

This is your Probe and is only as interesting as the reports can make it.

TRAVEL NOTES



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2000. TRIP TO KORONG VALE-BOORT AREA.

Depart Bendigo 8.15am: We travel to Korong Vale where we meet up with our guide for the day Robyn Vella of Loddon Discovery Tours.

COST: \$32.00 per person. Includes Coach Fare, Morning Tea, Lunch, Tours and entrance fees.

"An excellent trip," great variety, value for money. "Don' miss out on this one."

Home: Approx: 5.15 pm

** Refer to July 19th Probe for details.

PAYMENTS: August 16th. Bookings: Maximum (48), Current: (53)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH, 2000-TRIP TO ECHUCA Max: (48) Depart 8.45am

WINE TASTING/RIVER CRUISE/CONDUCTED TOUR OF PORT AREA - A/TEA

COST: \$36/person Approx. Incl: Coach Fare, Wine Tasting, River Cruise with Lunch Pack,

Conducted Port Area Tour, & Afternoon Tea. On arrival Wine tasting/cheese etc; River Cruise;

Conducted Tour of Port Area; Free time to Browse around, there is much to see. Afternoon Tea.

"A leisurely, interest packed trip with variety." Arrive home approx. 5.15 pm.

LIST: At August 16th Meeting. **PAYMENTS:** September 20th Meeting.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13th to THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15th, 2001

TRIP TO PHILLIP ISLAND-3 DAY/2 NIGHTS.

COST: \$246/PERSON Includes: Coach, Accommodation D.B.B. Twin Share.

Tours & Entry fees. ** Refer to July 19th Probe for trip details.

**Too much to explain in detail- "A first class trip"

**Detailed Itinerary available for perusal at August 16th meeting

Bookings: Maximum: (48) Current: (52). **PAYMENTS:** December 12th

*** PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO/EVERGREEN TOURS - TRIP TO CANADA ***

MONDAY 7TH MAY TO SAT.19TH MAY, 2001.

13 DAY TOUR - CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAINS. ** (Hostess Escorted)

(Includes 2 Days on Famous Rocky Mountaineer Train)

COST: \$4775.00 per person Twin Share (Bendigo to Bendigo.)

**Excellent Group Price secured. New 2001 Tour prices factored in.

**DEPARTURE: Monday 7th May 2001 for Vancouver. Arr. Home Sat. 19/5/00

**Canadian Rockies Tour - last two days of which is on the Rocky Mountaineer Train.

"One of the World Best Rail Trips."

** AN OPTIONAL: " 7 Day Alaskan Cruise," timed to immediately follow on, is available for those who may wish to take cruise.

Outside Cabin - Excellent Price of \$1350/person - twin share."

** REUNION OF N.Z.GROUP TRAVELLERS & CANADA TRIP PROMOTION.

MONDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2,00pm AT ST.ANDREWS CHURCH HALL MYERS ST.

** N.Z. Group Travellers, we hope you can make it. (A/Tea provided)

** Any persons interested in Canada Trip also invited to attend.

** Maxine Collins E/Green Product Mgr. & another Rep to attend.

** Please advise Arthur by 14/8/00 a/c arrangements for Catering.

** Enquiries to Arthur 5443 9162. I have Evergreen Canada 2000 Tour Phamplets, also "Red Preliminary Canada Trip Flyers."

LIST NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS:

