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

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This month's guest speaker are Sue and Ian Robinson who will talk about Hot Air Ballooning.

We had Martin Collins of the Bendigo Cheese Company as the guest speaker. Martin was introduced by President Alan. With Tracey, his wife, Martin moved to Bendigo in December of 2001 to start the cheese making firm. Bendigo was chosen after careful research, looking at climate, presence of dairying, population, with its quality red wine production, lacked the complimentary cheese production which other red wine centres possessed. With over ten years experience in the cheese making business, with the New Zealand Dairy Board, in South Gippsland and as head cheesemaker at Top Paddock Cheeses in Bena, Martin evidently knows cheese.

All Martin's cheeses are handmade, using Jersey milk from one producer at a farm in Lockington. The cheeses produced include blue vein, tasty, Havarti and fresh cheese. They are distributed statewide. The Jersey herd in Lockington is among the hundred best in the country, and the quality is carefully monitored. When Martin was preparing to set up in Bendigo, no suitable premises were available, so the buildings are custom designed and built.

Cheese making is a complicated process, in many ways similar to wine making, it involves microbiology and organic chemistry, as well as know how. It is very subjective, no two batches are the same. While scientific indicators are available, Martin relies on his own judgement.

In response to one question about by products, Martin explained that the wey can be used in vineyards as an insecticide, but mostly his wey is poured away. Bruce Michelsen thanked Martin.

Vale

Regretfully we record the death of Arthur Morris

ADVANCED NOTICES

Ladies will be invited to the October Meeting to hear a talk by Judith Doughty, CEO at Strathhaven.

A definite reservation has been made for the Christmas luncheon, again at the Foundry Arms, on December 15 (third Wednesday). Cost \$23.

Below is a list (suggested by Len Hodren) of local Probus Clubs which all Probus members have a right to visit if they so wish. Members are reminded that it is polite etiquette to give the President or Secretary of the host Club prior notice. Phone numbers are available from Secretary Bob.

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| 1. (M) Sandhurst | 9.30 | 1st Wednesday | Bendigo Club, Reception Avenue. |
| 2. (M) Eaglehawk | 10.00 | 2nd Monday | MUIOOF Hall, High Street |
| 3. (L) Bendigo Ladies | 10.00 | 2nd Wednesday | Burnett Lounge, Latrobe University |
| 4. (C) Kangaroo Flat | 10.00 | 2nd Wednesday | Senior Citizens Club, K/Flat |
| 5. (C) Strathfieldsaye | 10.00 | 2nd Thursday | Uniting Church Hall, S'Saye |
| 6. (M) Bendigo | 10.00 | 3rd Wednesday | Masonic Centre, McIvor Road |
| | (9.30 D.S.T) | | |
| 7. (C) Golden Square | 9.30 | 3rd Thursday | St Marks Hall, Golden Square |
| 8. (C) White Hills | 10.00 | 4th Tuesday | Bendigo Jockey Club |
| 9. (C) Strathdale | 10.00 | 4th Wednesday | Bendigo Club, Reception Avenue |
| 10. (C) Spring Gully | 10.00 | 4th Thursday | Burnett Lounge, Latrobe University |

(M) = Men's Club (L) = Ladies Club (C) = Combined Ladies & Men's Club
(D.S.T.) = Daylight Saving Time.

THE WINNING GOAL

An A.F.L. player lined up at the pearly gates.

"Before I let you in have you anything to declare"?

"Well, yes", replied the player. "When I played for St Kilda, I kicked the winning goal right on the siren in the final against Carlton, but it wasn't a goal, I missed".

"It was a goal, we saw the game from here. Set your mind at rest and come in."

"Oh, thank you, St Peter".

"I'm not St Peter, I'm St Kilda".



TRIPS INFORMATION:

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PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

- **LITTLE DESERT TOUR:** Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd September. (3 Days/2Nights)

Staying at Little Desert Lodge (Near Nhill in Victoria.) *Have you seen TV Advert?*

Depart: Tues 21st Sep't at 8.00am from Strathdale Community Ctre, Crook Street.

*** Maximum: (Previous (40) now increased to 49). Current Bookings: (46)

COST: \$264.00/Person. Includes: Road Coach, Accommodation (En Suite), All Meals, Entrance Fees. Single Supplement: (If room on own, add \$40.00/person.)

The Little Desert Nature Lodge is a peaceful retreat located on the edge of the Little Desert National Park.

The Lodge offers comfortable facilities, warm hospitality and a memorable environmental experience. Set in natural bushland of 117 hectares and managed since 1976 by local "living treasure" Whimpey Reichelt, share in his knowledge and passion for the Little Desert. Our stay includes much variety.

On Day 1: Depart at 8.00am from Strath Community Ctre, Crook St, arrive at the Lodge in time for lunch. Some free time to settle in, at 8.00pm a guided "Nocturnal Walk," see the nocturnal creatures of the bush including Sugar Gliders, Bettongs and Sone-Curlews, listen to the many sounds of the night.

Day 2: A comfortable 4 WD Tour; we see many varieties of Spring Wildflowers, as well as birds & animals which inhabit the unique Little Desert Environment. We have lunch in the bush with "billytea"

After dinner Whimpey will show a Video Presentation "Whimpey's World - Little Desert Flora & Fauna"

with particular focus on the Malley Fowl bird. (An excellent video.)

Day 3: At 9.00am, after breakfast we depart for a tour of the Mallee Fowl Sanctuary, a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. A Light Lunch will be provided prior to our departure from the Lodge at 12 Noon.

This will be an excellent trip, with much of interest for all, and taken at a relaxed, leisurely pace.

** FULL PAYMENTS: Were due at meeting Wed 21st July. Outstanding Payments:

Please finalise payments ASAP by Cheque made payable to Probus Club of Bendigo.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO TRIP TO CANBERRA

- 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS MONDAY 22nd TO FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2004

Cost Based on Minimum of (35) to travel. Current: (39) Max: (49) * Vacancies (10)

** Deposits of \$50.00/person required with future bookings please.

** COST: \$457.00 per person (Twin Share)

** A Single Supplement of \$140 would apply if request for a room on own.)

** Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees and Lunches on days 2,3,4.

** The Itinerary includes visits/tours to: Royal Australian Mint, National Capital Exhibition,

Southern Cross Cruise, Cockington Green, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Screen Sound Australia, High Court, National Gallery, Deep Space Complex. We will visit Mt. Ainslee for superb views of the City and one evening be taken to Telstra Tower to see the night lights of Canberra. During travel en route we will see the Dog on the Tucker Box and visit Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece near Gundagia. ** A trip with much variety, should be of interest to all.

** BALANCE/FINAL PAYMENTS: At, or by meeting on 15th September please.

** Further bookings are required for this Tour in order to cater for any cancellations,

(we can take up to (49 persons)

** I seek the support of members, Friends of Probus Members are invited to join this trip.

** Members of other Probus Clubs are also welcome to participate

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL FUNCTION: (Friday 4th February, 2005, 4.30pm)

A FILM SHOWING AT THE LATROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE - BENDIGO

Rob & Cynthia Watkins have again offered their services to provide for us another of their "spectacular film showings," a number of which we have greatly enjoyed and been privileged to see over a period of many years in Air Conditioned comfort at the University venue.

The format will be similar to that of previous years. It is anticipated that a listing with full details will be tabled at our meeting on Wednesday 15th September with payments of approx \$3.00 per person payable at the Wednesday 17th November meeting.

Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton. For inquiries telephone: 5443 9162

