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The Guest Speaker at the August Meeting will be a member of the Victoria Police, who will be speaking on Crime Prevention.

The July meeting Guest Speaker was Andrew Hunt who spoke on the subject, Water Future.

President Len introduced the speaker. Andrew is the Executive Manager of Business Services for Coliban Water. Coliban Water has a "Water Plan 2055". At present there are water storages on the Coliban River. Water from the Coliban is conveyed to Bendigo by open channel, besides this some water is pumped from Eppalock in which Coliban Water has an entitlement of 18%, the bulk of the supply (when there is any) is for irrigation.

It is now recognised that climate changes have occurred so something must be done to maintain supply. To make the situation more acute there is continuous increase in population. It is expected that there will be an annual increase of 1.1% to 1.4% in the next 80 years.

In addition to the growth in the domestic sphere, Coliban must also support increased needs from business growth.

Realisation of the impending needs came in 2003/04 and community consultation started in 2004.

The State Government Region Action Plan was released in 2005 and Coliban's Water Plan 55 was instituted in 2006. This is split into several parts.

First Urban Saving. Saving rules, the restriction to watering on odd days or even days by regions, also Smart Gardens and homes rebate. Industrial recycling and cleaner product. Community Education. Water sensitive urban design. Reduction of urban system losses. Smarter water pricing system.

Rural channel reconfiguration. Most open channels to be replaced by pipes over 15 to 20 years.

The use of recycled water where appropriate.

A Bendigo pipeline from Epsom to Spring Gully would make a 4300ml contribution at a cost of \$31 million.

An agreement with Bendigo Mining to supply 1800ml by March 2007.

Lastly a pipeline from Waranga to Eppalock, estimated cost \$70 million.

Cliff Binks thanked the Speaker and made the usual presentation.

VALE

The passing of Don Donaldson is reported with regret.

RESIGNATION

Two members have resigned from the club, Jim Forsyth on account of his ill health, and Eddie Hogan because of family illness.

MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Bob Chenery, our Hon. Secretary, is preparing the new Membership Book and should be informed of any changes in address.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS LUNCHEON

The luncheon at the Rifle Brigade Hotel was attended by twelve people. The August luncheon is arranged at the Malayan Orchid Restaurant, which is in View Street, opposite the Queen Elizabeth Oval. Members who were not in at the Foundation are cordially invited with or without their wives. Members from other Probus Clubs are also welcomed.

OUR CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

Jake was on his deathbed while his wife, Becky, maintained a steady vigil by his side. As she held his fragile hand, her warm tears ran silently down her face, splashed onto his, and roused him from his slumber. He looked up and his pale lips began to quiver with sound.

"My darling Becky," he whispered.

"Hush, my love," she said. "Go back to sleep. Shh! Don't talk."

But he was insistent. "Becky", he said in his tired voice. I have to talk. I have something I must confess to you."

"There's nothing to confess," replied the weeping Becky. "It's all right. Everything's all right, go to sleep now."

"No, no. I must die in peace, Becky. I slept with your sister, your best friend, and our next door neighbour."

Becky mustered a pained smile and stroked his hand. "Hush now Jake, don't torment yourself. I know all about it", she said. "Why do you think I poisoned you?"



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

LITTLE DESERT NATURE LODGE TOUR.

TUESDAY 24th to THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER, 2006.

(3 Day/2 Nights) Max (48)

The Little Desert Lodge is set in 117 hectares of natural bush surroundings and is located on the edge of the pristine Little Desert Nature Park and is situated close to Nhill on the Nhill-Harrow Road. The Lodge has 24 rooms with en-suite bathroom facilities and the Dining Room caters for group bookings

***An interesting and relaxed tour to suit our age group. **Minimum (30) Current: (34)** Depart: At 8.00am from Strathdale Community Ctre, Crook Street.*

Cost: \$350 per person twin share. Single supplement: \$45. (Based on Minimum of 30)

Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, lunch from day 1 to Day 3 and various activities whilst there.

Day 1: Tuesday 24th October: (L/D)

12.30pm: Arrive Little Desert Lodge for lunch and settle in to our accommodation

1.30pm: Free time to explore the tranquil beauty of the Little Desert Nature Lodge surroundings, - take in the wildflowers along one of the nature trails and enjoy bird watching at Whimpey's waterhole.

6.30pm: Three course Dinner in the fully licensed dining room.

8.00pm: Night spotlight walk – see nocturnal creatures of the bush including delightful Sugar Gliders, Betongs, and Sone Curlews. Listen in amazement as the guides interpret the sounds of the night, such as Owls Nightjars, Bats and Frogs

Day 2: Wednesday 25th October: (B/L/D)

8.00am: Breakfast.

9.00am: Travel from Little Desert Lodge via Edenhope and across the South Aust. Border to Naracoorte.

10.30am: Morning tea at Narracoorte Caves Conservation Park followed by a tour of the magnificent Victoria Fossil Cave.

1.00pm: Lunch, followed by afternoon tour of world famous Coonawarra wine growing region.

6.30pm: Return to Little Lodge for Dinner and an evening of relaxation.

Day 3: Thursday 26th October: (B/L)

8.00am: Breakfast.

9.00am: Depart for our tour of the Malleefowl Sanctuary. This is a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. Over the years Whimpey has developed a unique relationship with established breeding birds, which enables viewing at close hand. Remember, these are totally wild birds so you have to be very quiet and patient.

12.00pm: Light Lunch at the Lodge before departure journey to Bendigo, arriving home approx 5.30pm.

Current Bookings received from: R. Chenery (1), A. Cowling (2), A. Crothers (2), A. Dingle (2), A. Eaton (2), G. Glover (2), H. Hesse (2), Esther Jenkins (1), M. Mc.Donald (2)

Sandhurst: H. Bawden (2), N. Cochran (2), W. Dennis (2), K. Livingston (2), R. Stanyer (2)

Bendigo Ladies: M & L Day (2), G. Bloomfield (1), O. Fadersen (1), F. Himsforth (1), G. Kendall (1), M. Symmons (1), Y. Wallace (1),

More booking required. "FRIENDS OF PROBUS WELCOME."

Final Payments: At or prior to Sep't 20h Meeting.** Copies of the Itinerary available.

Thursday 2nd November, 2006. At 11.00am. Max: (36) Current: (23)

Capital Theatre Bendigo – Morning Show: Hanging on to Vaudeville. (Reg Gorman.)

Rifle Brigade Hotel - Two Course Lunch. Note: Hotel situated opposite Theatre.

Cost: - \$22.00 per person for Theatre + Lunch

Theatre: In a series of hilarious sketches, multi talented physical performer Reg Gorman transforms into an amazing array of vastly different characters, plus more. A trip down memory lane. At conclusion of theatre, Lunch at 12.30pm.

**** I have secured (36 seats) in most popular location. (A popular show-filling fast.)**

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