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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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The Guest Speaker for the August Meeting will be Mr Peter Thompson,
Chief Librarian at Latrobe Uni. Subject, Bendigo History.

- Barry, O'B.

The guest speaker for the July meeting was Fran Sirio who is the Founder and Managing Director of Envisage Tours, part of the APT Group. Fran was introduced to the members by Arthur Eaton our Tour Director, who explained that he has known Fran for approx 10 years and has arranged many tours for our members through her company. Fran gave a very knowledgeable talk on the forthcoming tour for our members and friends to Norfolk Island, Fran explained in great detail the pleasures etc., which await those who intend to go, including the following highlights:

- **Mutiny on the Bounty Show** - the saga of Fletcher Christian and Captain Bligh set in a dramatic outdoor amphitheatre.
- **Wonderland by Night** - a magical evening amidst colourfully lit Norfolk Pines and sub tropical bush land.
- **Night as a convict** - step back in time for this fun dinner and dance night! Dress as a convict (outfit supplied) and join the commandant for an evening of feasting, signing and dancing
- **Progressive Dinner** in Local Islander's homes
- **Breakfast Walk** at Duncombe Bay
- **Island Fish Fry**
- **Pitcairn Settlers Village**
- **And Much More!**

After Answering many questions from members, Bob Chenery made the usual presentation on behalf of the club. P.S. Envisage Tours is the only sponsor for Probis Clubs in Victoria, and can arrange tours for groups or individuals.

- Editor

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

Foundation Members Luncheon

The August Luncheon is to be held at the Lake View Hotel in McCrae Street. If you are not able to be present give the information, with two days notice, to Dorothy. Tel: 5443 2642

- Alec C.

New Member

Ken Coles introduced Dr Nigel Christie to members prior to his induction by Vice President Ern Holland.

Re: Dr Nigel Christie

1. Born in Dundee, Scotland after World War II.
2. Moved to Essendon 1958
3. Attended Essendon High School before going to the University of Melbourne where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Diploma of Education.
4. After a period of teaching he returned to Dundee and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy from Dundee University.
5. Become a lecturer at Bendigo Institute of Technology in the 1970's. Remained in Bendigo to retire from Latrobe University Bendigo as Dean of School of Arts.
6. Widowed with three children and three grandchildren.

- Editor.

Presidents Piece

Run for your life?

The wise, for cure, on exercise depends.
God never made his work for man to mend.

- John Dryden 1631 - 1700

Exercise is Bunk.

If you're healthy, you don't need it; if you are sick, you shouldn't take it.

- Henry Ford 1860 - 1947

Those who do not find time for exercise will have to find time for illness.

- Proverb

I swim a lot. It's either that or buying a new golf ball.

- Bob Hope.

Been there, Done that.

Experience is the name everybody gives to their mistakes.

- Oscar Wilde 1856 - 1900

Experience is the child of thought, and thought is the child of action.

We cannot learn men from books.

- Benjamin Disraeli 1804 - 1881

A prune is an experienced plum.

- John Trattner

Experience is the one thing you have plenty of when you're too old to get a job.

- Laurence Peter.

USELESS INFORMATION

- The first Actress to appear on a postage stamp was Grace Kelly.
- Lemons contain more sugar than Strawberries.
- The most used letter in the english language is E and Q is the least used.
- Chevrolet tried marketing a Chevrolet Nova in Spanish Speaking Countries, it didn't sell well because Nova means "Doesn't Go" in Spanish.
- Grass hoppers have white blood.
- Onions get their distinctive smell by soaking up sulphur from the soil.
- A 43ft sperm whale has about 7 tons of oil in it.
- Nine is considered the luckiest number world wide.
- The phrase "Rule of thumb" is derived from an old english law stating that you cannot beat you wife with anything wider than you thumb.

- Editor.

Tour of the Bendigo Bank

On the 29th July, 2008, a party of Probians and friends, led by Arthur had a tour of the new building which stands in Bath Lane. We were conducted and informed about the wonders of the place, first by George De Moel and then by Len Holland. They put us very much in their debt with their able and informative commentary about this magnificent building.

Three main objectives were set for the architects and constructors of the project; to provide a working environment of the highest standards for the staff, to enhance the Bath Lane precinct, to create a building of world class, state of the art environmental performance.

The six storeys of the building give an office area of 13,336 sq. metres and all the area is provided with under floor air conditioning. All air ducts, water supply and electric wiring is put beneath the well carpeted floor. Fresh, clean air at low pressure emerges from many outlets which the staff can control to their own needs. Because of the low pressure of the supply the system, consumes less energy.

All storeys have full length double glazed windows to help temperature control, also giving unobstructed daylight and views of Rosalind Park and environs. Shading screens are present to prevent glare from strong sunlight. Artificial lighting when needed is based on task lighting with maximum user control.

The water saving technologies save this building from being on the city's largest consumers. This is achieved by the recycling water treatment which deals with both black and grey water by the means of three stages of treatment. It is estimated that the waste water collection will save over 17,000 litres of water daily. The energy saving over the whole building should be of the order of 50%.

Not only is the building impressive, but so are the provisions for the employees. Here are just a few of them:

- Secure parking for cars and bicycles.
- Change rooms and showers.
- Fully equipped catering facilities on all floors - toasters, microwave ovens, fridges, dishwashers etc.
- A carer's room where a parent can work while caring for a child if no other carer is available.
- After school car for children over 13 years old.
- A pool table and large screen T.V. in the social area.

This building is a great way to celebrate 150 years of the Bank's existence and is a source of pride for the people of Bendigo.

After seeing the wonderful work of the Bank, our day's outing was concluded with an excellent meal at the House of Khong. Jeannie donated a meal for two as a prize and this was won by Dorothy Michelsen.

- Alec C.

ALASKA

Hi Rupert and Pat,

Alaska has surpassed our highest expectations. We quickly gave up trying to dodge all the vehicles on the wrong side of the road, far less stressful to simply join them. Have been close enough to both bears and moose to hear them wrenching off their food, while we kept behind the camera for protection. A three weeks later than normal snow season, had avalanched snow beside our roadway on many occasions.

The image included is a favourite camp site at Thompson Pass on the road to Valdez, which gave us great photo opportunities of beavers and alpine flowers. While lying flat on the ground there composing a study of flowers backed by snowy mountains, saw through my lens, an out of focus black animal coming up hill towards me at a fast rate. For an old chap I jumped up remarkably fast, to find a large black dog wanting to lick me all over. I was so relieved to see it was a dog I was tempted to lick him all over. Only the day before, we had been watching black bear through binoculars.



*Hoping you are both well and with rain on your door,
fond regards, Rob and Cynthia Watkins.*

- Rupert. R.

HUMOUR

A wealthy man was having an affair with an Italian woman for several years. One night, during one of their meetings, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he offered to pay her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. And if she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born.

To keep it discreet, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write 'Spaghetti' on the back. He would arrange for child support payments to begin. Seven months later, he came home to his confused wife. "Honey," she said, "you received a very strange postcard today." "Oh," he said trying to hide his anticipation, "just give it to me and I'll try and explain it." the wife watched as her husband read the card; he turned white, and fainted. On the card was written: "Spaghetti, spaghetti, spaghetti. Two with meatballs, one without."

- Ralph M.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

A 45 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years. Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied, "I didn't recognise you."

- Ralph M.