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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 Peter Cecil from the CFA.
The subject will be safety at home.**

The guest speaker at the July meeting was Sharron McGowan from RACV and was introduced to members and ladies by Dr Allyn Fisher. Sharron gave an educational presentation on mobility for seniors, assisted by TAC community mobility program road safety division.

Summary of presentation

- Our health status influences our mobility.
- Our mobility influences our health.
- Keeping socially & physically active helps maintain mobility as we get older.
- Drivers have a reporting responsibility to VicRoads if they have long term health or disability issues which might affect driving ability.
- Talk to your doctor and pharmacist about the relationship between health and medication use on driving.
- Driver assessment options are available.
- Vehicle modifications and licence conditions are available to maintain driving independence.
- Try different ways of getting around to experiment with alternative transport methods: walking, public transport, cycling, community buses, and maybe using a scooter are options.
- For further information contact:
RACV Drive School - 1300 788 229
Independent Living Centre - 1300 885 886
or website for product information:
<http://www.yooralla.com.au/ilc.php>

Dr Allyn Fisher thanked Sharron and made the usual presentation of behalf of members and guests.

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months...

September 2009

03	John Stephens	79
07	Bryan Armstrong	81
13	Ern Holland	67
16	Rupert Reynolds	82
27	Doug Laity	77

October 2009

09	Max Shipp	81
10	Max Hallett	79
10	Maurie McDonald	77
11	Barry O'Brien	76
22	Ken Coles	77

Congratulations to all the above and also especially to the following:

Beverly & Noel Bruhn - **Golden Wedding Anniversary (12th Sept)**

Maisie & Max Shipp - **Diamond Wedding Anniversary (16 Oct).**

Note: If you do not wish for your birthday etc. to be published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

President's Piece

We frail humans are at one time capable of the greatest good and, at the same time, capable of the greatest evil. Change will only come about when each of us takes up the daily struggle ourselves to be more forgiving, compassionate, loving and above all joyful in the knowledge that, by some miracle of grace, we can change as those around us can change too.

- *Mairead Corrigan-Maguire*

If the human race wishes to have prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way toward one another

- *Winston Churchill*

NEW MEMBER

Arthur Eaton introduced Norman Gillies one of the founders of the famous "Gillies Pies". He was introduced by President Ern. *(Photo by Rupert R.)*

- *Editor*



Luncheon Members and Friends

The August luncheon is to be held at the One Tree Hill Hotel Retreat Road Spring Gully, following the Probus meeting on Wednesday 19th August. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 17th August. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone: 5443 2642. This will help to book for the correct number. There were 23 members at the July lunch.

- *Alec C.*

Snippets

VISITOR: Kevin Brown was introduced to the members and guests, maybe another future member?

CLUB VACANCY: Still seeking a guest speaker organiser. We have speakers booked until christmas. This position can be shared.

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with these members not feeling well and hope for better days ahead.

- *Editor*

Profile on Foundation Members No: 5

Hugh Ward

I was brought up in what was a new suburb of Melbourne - Glen Iris. I attended a newly built school - Gardiner Central which went to the 8th grade (now year 8). I then attended Melbourne High School from 1930 to 1933 to leaving certificate. It was the middle of the Great Depression and I had several clerical jobs and to my great delight I was successful in obtaining a job with the Metropolitan Gas Company at the West Melbourne Workshop in the production office. In 1939 when War was declared I was posted to Fort Queenscliff 34th Fortress Engineers with whom I had been a peace time member. After two years at Queenscliff I was sent to Milne Bay, New Guinea and spent two years on coast patrol between East Cape and Buna.



- Photo by Rupert R

My small unit of 21 men was down to 12 in 1943 due to health problems. I returned to Sydney in 1944 where I was discharged. I was married just prior to my move north in 1942. My wife Phyll joined the AWAS and was still in the army in Sydney when I was discharged. We returned to Melbourne early 1945 and lived with in-laws. I decided on a career in Gas Manufacturing and was granted a cadetship to finally become a shift Superintendent. But it took 4 long years to obtain a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering - a prerequisite to the shift superintendent job. In 1948 I was able to fulfill my objective - a most interesting and responsible job to ensure sufficient gas was produced to the city and suburbs of Melbourne which varied according to the weather from day to day. My next move was to that of manager of the South Melbourne works about 1/4 size of West Melbourne works and it was day work. With the advent of natural gas South Melbourne was closed down and I returned to West Melbourne as Assistant Works Manager.

In 1958 the Chief Secretary of the John Cain Government Bill Galvin persuaded the Gas and Fuel Corporation to advise on the condition of the failing gas industry in Bendigo. I was then asked to come to Bendigo to prepare a report as to improving the gas supply. The cost to improve the supply was beyond the means of the Bendigo Gas Company so the Government prevailed on the Corporation to reluctantly take over the Gas Company. I was asked to manage the Company for about 6 months on loan. At the end of 6 months there was so much still to be done, I was appointed manager and I brought my family, wife and 4 children to Bendigo. It was a big upheaval for my family as we had just gone into a new home in North Balwyn. When I had the opportunity to return to Melbourne, Bendigo seemed to be a city on the move and I made the decision to remain here - it proved to be a great place to bring up my family. I have no regrets and became involved with membership of Legacy, Rotary, Bendigo Home and Hospital Board of Management, School Committees and the Yacht Club. These have been fulfilling and worthwhile causes and of course in retirement as a member of the Probus Club.

Hugh is a regular attendant at our meetings.

- Editor.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: Tour for: THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER, 2009

**Famous CRICKET WILLOW, the CHOCOLATE MILL- SHEPHERDS FLAT
& DAYLESFORD AREAS.**

Depart: 8.45am From: Strathdale Community Ctre Crook Street – Home approx 5.00pm.

COST: \$35/person Based on (40) Includes: Coach, Tours, Entrance Fees: Light M/Tea & Basket Lunch
We will travel via Castlemaine & will stop for M/tea and a short visitor to the Restorers Barn which
has an amazing array of things from yesteryear. Next we travel via Daylesford to Shepherds Flat
where we visit the famous "Cricket Willows" facility for a tour & talk and a basket Lunch
(32) Bookings confirmed for: Armstrong.B. (1), Archdall J. (1), Bennett I. (1), Bloomfield G. (1),
Bruhn N. (2), Court. A. (1), Cowling. A. (2), Crouch (K.) (1), Crothers. A. (2), Davies J. (1),
Eaton A. (1), Gillies N. (1), Gloster K. (2), Goodrich J. (1), Himsworth G. (3), Iser Y. (1), Laity D. (2),
Michelsen B. (1), Randall P. (1), Redmond. W. (2), Ridge D. (1), Ward (1), White J. (1), Winzar W. (1)
List: Wed 15th July. Payments: August 19th Meeting. Maximum: (48) Current: (31) Vacancies (17)
Vacancies exist- more required please. Friends of Probus and members other Clubs welcome.
LIST: July 15th & Aug 15 Meetings. **PAYMENTS:** At meeting Wednesday August 19th, 2009.

**PROBUS CLUB BENDIGO - TRIP TO FAMOUS CRUDEN FARM GARDENS
(Of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch) AT LANGWARREN. SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2009**

Depart Bendigo: 8.30am **Home Approx:** 5.30pm. Maximum: (53) Current: (50)

Cost: Based on (40), Approx \$35.00/person, **includes:** Coach Travel and Entry to Cruden Farm.
Cruden Farm is possibly one of the most famous gardens in Australia and the life achievement of
National Treasure, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. You will be free to meander through the gardens.
Participants could either take a Picnic Lunch or (purchase on day.) Sausage Sizzle available.
Free Entertainment: Tommy Carter & His Celebrated Jazz Band. "Don't miss this opportunity."
(50) Bookings confirmed for: Allan. H. (2), Archdall J. (1), Bennett I. (1), Bloomfield G. (1), Bruhn
N. (2), Cheney .R. (2), Davies J. (1), Davies. M. (1), Dingle. T. (1), Eaton A. (1), Gillies N. (1),
Gloster K. (2), Goodrich J. (1), Griffin J. (1), Holland E. (2), Himsworth G. (2), Hughes Z. (2),
Laity D. (2), Miller. M. (1), O'Brien. B. (5), Randall P. (3), Reynolds R. (2), Slade C. (2), Stephens
J. (2), Wallace I & H. (2), Wallace. Y. (1), Ward (1), Watkins R. (3), White J. (1), Winzar W. (1)
LIST: 15th July Meeting: **PAYMENTS:** September 16th Meeting. ** Emergencies: req'd.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2009

CAPITAL THEATRE MORNING SHOW: – "The Spirit of Christmas." Show starts 11.00am

** Report at 10.15am for a Cuppa, before start of show. Maximum: (35)

** **LUNCH:** 12.30pm Select from menu. AT RIFLE BRIGADE HOTEL. (Just walk across View Street.)

** **COST:** \$ 12.00 per person for Theatre Entry. Lunch: if interested - purchase your own.

LIST: At August 19th Meeting. **PAYMENTS:** At meeting Wednesday 21st October, 2009.

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – ANNUAL XMAS LUNCH AT THE FOUNDRY HOTEL
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2009 – 11.30AM for 12 NOON.** – details soon, "reserve the date."

** Our Club is in it's 25th year since foundation. ** A full attendance would make it special."

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND

– APRIL 14th to APRIL 29th, 2010.

16 Days/15 Nights. Aust Pacific Tours. **Cost:** \$3,270.00. Experienced Tour Director & Driver.
Includes: Air Travel, Accommodation, Meals, Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary and a
Travel Bag & Wallet. **Not included:** Airport Taxes. Passport required: (Valid for 6 months after 29
April, 2010) **Insurance: Is strongly recommended.**

A positive response is desirable in order to complete arrangements for the tour and to retain
maximum of seats available for our group. Itineraries, and as required Booking Forms available
from 7th August, 2009. Other Probus Clubs welcome.

All enquiries to: Tours Organiser, Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162