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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Fellow Probians,  
Here we are a third of the way through the year and from my perspective all is going so very well within the Club. I thank you all for making my year as President run so smoothly and I hope and trust that those of you have headed north for that warmer climes are really enjoying the break! Bev and I are now getting quite excited about the Darwin/Ghan trip and look forward firstly, to great company and fellowship and secondly to a touch of that warmth from the sun! Hope to see you all at the Sunday Breakfast this weekend then of course the Coffee and Chat Coffee next week!!  
Enjoy life and keep smiling!

*Regards and Thanks*  
*President Noel Bruhn*

## SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

It is pleasing to report a very quiet month secretarial wise. Thanks are extended to Brian McGrath for his invaluable help to me as Assistant Secretary.

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2pm at Bendigo Neighbourhood House.



**WELCOME TO OUR CLUB'S LATEST ACTIVITY GROUP - OFF TO A FLYING START!!**

**THE "LOO" GROUP! - Renamed under protest @: THE "LOL GROUP"**

(Ladies-Only-Outing-Group!)

(Ladies only Luncheon Group)

Jean Goodrich has "Volunteered" to be the organiser.

Ph: 5443 4430 email: [jeanggg@impulse.net](mailto:jeanggg@impulse.net)

**This Event is to be a Regular on the FOURTH Friday of the Month!**

**NEXT IS FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> August 12.30 PM ONE TREE HILL HOTEL**

**109 SPRING TREE GULLY ROAD**

**Come on ladies contact Jean as soon as possible so that she can book the table for the right number!!**

**Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group**

The walking group is proving a success however to accommodate more members and to avoid the winter chills of an early start future winter walks will meet promptly at **10a.m.** All members, partners and friends are most welcome to join us. Please make sure your name is recorded by Arthur or Ron or Bob Santon depending who is the organiser for the day. **ENJOY ☺**

**FRIDAYS AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> LAKE WEEROONA. MEET AT the Lake Weeroona Car Park NOLAN ROAD 10 a.m. PROMPT.**

**FRIDAYS AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> , 24<sup>th</sup> , 31<sup>st</sup> & FRIDAYS 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at KENNINGTON RESEVOIR. MEET AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ALDI CAR PARK, STRATH HILL 10a.m. PROMPT**

**Garden Group:** All interested members are invited to join Mike for an **AFTERNOON** coffee at Strath Village this Friday 3pm. We are looking for two members to attend a meeting with Spring Gully Garden Group organisers on 9<sup>th</sup> August at 10 a.m. with a view to combining activities for the rest of the year.

**MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP (YES NEXT WEEK FOLKS!)**

Next will be **Thursday 9th AUGUST at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am** All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

**LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.** The Probus Luncheon **after the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting** (approx. **12.15pm**) will be held at **The R.S.L. Havilah.** All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

**LONERS GROUP**

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the **Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm.** Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Put **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road. YES FOLKS THIS SUNDAY !!!! ☺**

**COMPUTING SUPPORT:** Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem.

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES:**

**2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.**

**2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.**

**2012 Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65; Apr 53; May 56; Jun 55; Jul 49:**

**LETS TRY TO MAKE AUGUST FIFTY despite the cold !!!!!!!!!**

**SICK LIST:** Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery

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**BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!**

**AUGUST**

7<sup>th</sup> Ellie Stuart  
14<sup>th</sup> Jack Kelly  
17<sup>th</sup> Jean Goodrich  
19<sup>th</sup> Joan McDonald  
24<sup>th</sup> Colin McLean

**SEPTEMBER**

3<sup>rd</sup> John Stephens  
8<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Watkins  
13<sup>th</sup> Ern Holland  
15<sup>th</sup> Jeanette Clark  
16<sup>th</sup> Rupert Reynolds  
20<sup>th</sup> Brian McGrath  
27<sup>th</sup> Doug Laity

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A group of girlfriends, all age 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waiters there were handsome, with tight pants and nice bums.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food was good and the wine selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.



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**IAN BENNETT A BENDIGO SHEEP SHOW WINNER with his prize Merino Restricted Stud AKERINGA !!**

1<sup>st</sup> and **CHAMPION** Fine Wool Medium Ewe (Akeringa means Flat Plains)  
1<sup>st</sup> Two Tooth Strong Wool  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Medium Wool Ram

**Well done Ian from all members of our Club! Your HARD WORK pays off deservedly!**

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**A CHALLENGE TO ALL MEMBERS !! Bring a friend or friends under 75years of age to our next meeting as your GUEST(S) and introduce them to our GREAT PROBUS CLUB!!**

Again our thanks to the kind folk including some in the UK who sent us emails.

We were richly rewarded for deciding to stay two extra days in the friendly community of Malanda on Atherton Tablelands. Late that afternoon we were watching a pair of Tree Kangaroos in the tops of a very tall rainforest tree when one decided to go to ground using the normal tree hugging method. Soon the other animal decided to follow but jumped a few metres to another almost vertical trunk carrying a cluster of vines reaching to the ground. After clutching a vine with its paws, we were given a wonderful display of abseiling. Half way down a stop was made to munch on a large leaf. Was this leaf irresistible or were paws in need of cooling down? Failing light sent ISO values from 3000 to 5000 in an attempt to maintain workable shutter speeds. Once on the ground this animal hopped down a steep slope, climbed another tree and took up a position on a horizontal branch nearby and not much above eye level to us. As light continued to fail making photography impossible, we stayed on marvelling at the balance and poise as this star performer appeared to risk falls reaching toward us for leaves that must have been very special indeed.

All good things must end some time.....next day we were heading for Hughenden on a quiet road when we came upon a pair of Wedgetailed Eagles on a kangaroo road casualty. A hide was set up and occupied all afternoon for no images, so we hoisted the carcass up a tree out of reach of dingos overnight, ready for an early start next morning. We awoke to the sound of rain, with a forecast of rain over a wide area for a week with the risk of severe thunder storms. That morning two puzzled eagles were sitting close by a roo in a tree, still trying to work it out. We continued on to Hughendon renowned for the discovery of dinosaur remains. Weather permitting we intend moving via Winton, Boulia, Bedourie, Birdsville, Innamincka, Tibooburra, Brokenhill, Mildura, Bendigo. Most of the vehicles in this area are red/brown with no windows. We are well and going for every day. Warm wishes to all especially my brother Alan who is doing it tough at present, Rob & Cynthia 10<sup>th</sup> July.



Thanks again to those kind ones who gave us emails and phone calls. Having moved so far south to the familiar territory of Birdsville, we feel we are nearly home!

Half way between Winton and Boulia Middleton Hotel formerly a staging place for Cobb & Co stands alone on a vast plain. Outside an old stage coach was sadly in need of some care and upkeep. Behind the bar the same could be said for Lester and the hat, a genial guy who had a gday mate for male and female alike. We called in for the experience rather than the meal and were not disappointed but hours later Lester's ok mate, yare mate, see yu mate was still ringing in our ears. Aussie certainly has a lot to offer and we really enjoyed being where the black soil plains of Hughenden, Winton and Boulia have been yielding up dinosaur fossils of world significance. Much to the credit of these small communities, not only have they been active in the field of discovery and excavation but working with museum staff to have some fossils

retained, assembled and displayed locally.

The Dinosaur National Monument locally referred to as the Lark Quarry Trackways 110 kms south of Winton houses 3,300 dinosaur footprints of different species where 95 million years ago a giant carnosaur charged smaller species on the edge of a lake causing a panic and stampede. Today the foot prints preserved in stone can be viewed from an elevated walkway inside a huge building. It was this panic stricken scattering of dinosaurs that provided the inspiration for the making of the film Jurassic Park. Well informed guides interpret this happening and provide a wealth of information on the continuing search for fossils, recent finds and excavations taking place. Residents of Winton have every reason to believe providence had Banjo Patterson write the legendary words for Waltzing Matilda in their district. Statues of Banjo are not uncommon and references to him appear all around town on every thing but toilet paper, at least so far that is. These small communities need tourists and have gone a long way to cater for their needs and to make them feel welcome.

Quite by coincidence we arrived at Boulia at the same time as the camel races and a dump of rain that turned the area into a sea of red mud. Racing on the appointed day was not possible but to keep faith with the camel owners who had travelled far and needed the prize money, races were held in sunshine on the Monday with no admission charges. Today we drove 46 km to see Big Red on the eastern end of the Simpson Desert. Because a valley between sand dunes was flooded, a large detour around the water was necessary on sandy tracks. We spent the day there enjoying the views from the top of the dunes and watching the excitement as crews piled from vehicles at the end of one of Australia's great outback adventures. Soon after we began the return trip around the lake, we spotted a Wedge tailed Eagle feeding a white chick on a nest in a dead tree out in the lake.

Gear was quickly set up and good images gained at a perspective only little above eye level. So easy compared to the previous washed out effort after setting up a hide and sitting all afternoon for nothing. A Nankeen Kestrel posed for us in the same vicinity, proving Ken Duncan is not the only photographer with a direct line up above. While good fortune seems to be with us, tomorrow we will head for Innamincka. Fond regards to all, Rob & Cynthia.

**MINUTES OF THE 294th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.  
HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012.**

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.

**ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:** A total of 49 members attended (2on Club Business) & were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 42 members: J.Aitken, I.Bennett, G.Biles, C.Binks, C.Bird, N.Christie, J.Clark, B.Clemens, A.Cowling, N&G.Dack, I.Dean, A.Fisher, N.Gillies, J&K .Gloster, J.Goodrich, B.Hargrave, E&K.Holland, Z.Hughes, D.Laity, A.Lawson, J&M McDonald, C.Mclean, B.O'Brien, M.Powrie, P.Randall, L.Roy, A.Ryall, J.Sanderson, B&C Smith, A.Stephens, L.Stork, P.Thornton, J.Wallace, H.Ward, C&R Watkins..

**CLUB JESTER:** Bob Chenery's joke presentation produced the usual hearty laughter..

**MEMBERS GUESTS:** Nil.

**CONFIRMATION:** The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed . Moved by the Asst. Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded by Bob Chenery. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**IN**

1. 10 Newsletters from other Clubs -. passed to Ailsa
2. Probus South Pacific – Certificate of Currency – Public/Products Liability Insurance.

**OUT** Nil.

Matters arising: Nil.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Acting Secretary seconded by M.Watt.. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**President:** Nil.

**Treasurer:** Barry Coghlan moved that the Financial Statement distributed in the July 2012 ( No.301) of the Probe for period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be received and approved, seconded by R.Fitzgerald. Carried.

**Welfare Officer:** Peter Randall reported Bill Clemens is in care, visiting is difficult at present. He requested members advise him of any member who is unwell so appropriate action may be taken.

**Members Luncheon** Dorothy Crothers reported that today's luncheon is at the Foundry Arms Hotel. Golden Square.

**Loners Group** ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday from 5.30pm. He reported on a good attendance last week. The Member's Jackpot continues to rise.

**Bowls:** Bob Santon had nothing to report at present.

Computing: Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance - phone him for assistance. Probe going fine- Web Site being updated.

**Coffee/Chat Group and Badger:** Denise Watt reported there were 20 members present last week's gathering at Strath Village. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on 5<sup>th</sup> August. She reminded members of the Probud concert on 18<sup>th</sup> September. .

**Tours/Trips Report :** In Ailsa Coghlan's absence the Assistant Secretary, Brian McGrath reported on a one day Bus Trip to Tocumwal – details in The Probe. A Prospectus for a 10 day Tour to Port Stephens in October/November 2012, (copies on table) depending on interest shown. Brian McGrath moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Mike Watt, carried.

**Gardening:** Mike Watt reported Group currently looking at ideas for future activities - an organiser required.

**Walking Group:** Bob and Denise Santon reported the walk at Kangaroo Flat was excellent . Next Friday at Lake Weeroona at 10.00am. President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

**Ladies only Luncheons:** Mike Watt reported that due to popular demand the LOO Group is to be renamed The Ladies Only Luncheon Group. There were 15 ladies at the first outing – considered a great success.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**President:** Nil.

**Secretary:** Nil.

**Treasurer:** Nil.

**STEWARDS:** Six members volunteered to be stewards.

**CLOSE:** The President thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, President Noel declared the meeting closed At 10.40 am.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. John McKenna JP. Disability Consultant & Freelance Journalist.**

**CONFIRMED**.....President 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012

**Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.**

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**Profit & Loss [Cash]**

**1/03/2012 through 31/07/2012**

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Income		
Subscriptions		\$2,140.00
Attendance Fees		\$1,355.00
Donations		\$80.00
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Total Income		<u>\$3,735.00</u>
Cost Of Sales		
Total Cost Of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit		<u>\$3,735.00</u>
Expenses		
Venue Hire		\$455.00
Catering		\$540.00
Printing & Stationery		\$95.91
Postage		\$311.09
Affiliation & Insurance		\$987.20
Consumer Affairs		\$42.80
Badges etc.		\$232.07
Web Site		\$120.00
Miscellaneous		\$63.55
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Total Tours & Activities		<u>\$160.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$3,007.62</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$727.38</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income		\$65.34
Total Other income		<u>\$65.34</u>
Net Profit (Loss)		<u>\$792.72</u>

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**Balance Sheet**

**As of July 2012**

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Assets		
General Cheque Account		\$2,120.13
Term Deposit		\$2,750.00
Loan- White Hills Probus Club		\$200.00
Total Assets		<u>\$5,070.13</u>
	<u>GENERAL FUNDS - \$2605.36</u>	
Liabilities		
	<u>TOURS &amp; ACTIVITIES - \$2464.87</u>	
Net Assets		<u>\$5,070.13</u>
	<u>\$ 5070-13</u>	
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$4,277.41
Current Earnings		\$792.72
Total Equity		<u>\$5,070.13</u>

## Travel Information for August 2012

Well Some of us will be hoping for a bit of warm weather to brighten our day a bit envious of those members who have left for the Red Centre Tour we hope they are having a great time. It may have prompted you to consider going with some of our members on the cruise to New Zealand at the end of December .

For the golfers remember the PROBUS GOLF CHALLENGE at the Cranbourne Golf Club on Monday 1~ November 2012

Barry and I spent an afternoon cruising the Murray from Murray Bridge on a paddle steamer with our grandchildren in July school holidays ,very enjoyable, so may be you might like to join the tour on the PROUD MARY without the grandchildren in April next year! **Please ask for information.**

Well excitement is building as some of us get ready for our tour of Darwin , Kakadu and the Gahn train trip. Discussions about warmer weather, sun screen, fish feasts [Fishing for Noel] and crocodiles! We are all looking forward to lots of fun!

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July Jill and I attended a very informative Day arranged by Trade Travel for Probus groups in Ballarat -the 7.15 a.m. start was a bit chilly. As most clubs are all having trouble getting the interest to get enough people to run specific tours Trade Travel have informed us of some Probus Tours that may be just the thing that you would like to do:-

### **PLEASE READ AND CONSIDER**

**Canberra & Cooma 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012 from \$949pp Twin Share**

**Illawarra 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 From \$1329 pp Twin Share**

**Tasmania 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from \$2749 pp Twin Share**

**Tasmania 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 From \$1699 pp Twin Share**

**NSW Garden 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from \$2095 pp Twin share**

**Norfolk: Island 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012 pp From \$2599 Twin share**

**Lakes Entrance 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from \$899 pp Twin Share**

**Other Tours Offered are:**

**Lake Eyre, Western Australia, Kangaroo Island, Norfolk Island, Vietnam/Cambodia, Mediterranean Cruise,**

**Sabah Borneo .Western Aus1tralia Wild Flowers 25<sup>th</sup> September- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 From \$4279 pp Twin Share.**

**PLEASE ASK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE TOURS AND WE WILL GET YOU FURTHER INFORMATION**

More details of the trip to Tocomwal at the August meeting. After we attend a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August of local Probus groups to discuss the escalating prices of coach hire.

### **Proposed PORT STEPHENS AND THE HUNTER VALLEY 10 DAY COACH TOUR**

**ONLY \$1350 pp/twin share. Single Supp \$450.00 ( Based on min 40 passengers)**

**Dates TBA**

- \* 5 Star Coach Travel \* Quality Accommodation Twin Share \* Cooked Breakfasts
- \* Dinners in the Motel Restaurant \* Entrance Fees as per itinerary \* Lunch on the Hawkesbury River Cruise

Day 1 Bendigo – Albury/Wodonga for lunch – Holbrook – Gundagai – Yass Sundowner Motor Inn

Day 2 Yass – Goulburn morning tea – Berrima – Borasl lunch – Campbelltown – Lansvale Resort

Day 3 Lansvale – Sydney Harbour Bridge – Taronga Zoo – Central Coast – around Newcastle – Port Stephens Marina Resort

Day 4 Port Stephens – Newcastle lunch – RAAF Base Williamstown – return to Marina Resort

Day 5 Port Stephens – Hunter Valley – wine tasting, gardens, Tocal Homestead – return to Marina resort

Day 6 Port Stephens – Tamboi Queen Cruise – Nelson head Inner Lighthouse Reserve – Cottage Museum – Coastal Patrol Base – return to Marina Resort

Day 7 Port Stephens – Nelson Bay – Tanilba Bay & House – Shoal bay – Nelson Bay – return to Marina Resort

Day 8 Port Stephens – Nelson Bay – Brooklyn – Sydney – Lansvale Resort

Day 9 Sydney – Wollongong – Port Kembla – Yass Sundowner Motor Inn

Day 10 Yass – Home Sweet Home.

**NAMES Taken & FULL ITINERARIES AVAILABLE AT THE JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS**

**The Speaker for the 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Bryan Clemson**  
**Political Process in Education**  
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!  
(No excuse now for not attending.)

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**  
Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email [editor@probusclubofbendigo.com.au](mailto:editor@probusclubofbendigo.com.au)

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