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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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SOME OF US may have cause for alarm at the meeting today. Guest Speaker KEVIN CARNEY is a collector of antiques and we could find ourselves on the bench in a Taxidermist's studio! Kevin and wife Willi have had considerable success in recognising and acquiring valuable antiques and his talk cannot fail to be very interesting.

PLEASANT PROBIANS - Public speaking is something like cricket where you have to get a good start and that is just what BOB MORAN did at our January meeting. Bendigo Probians gave him rapt attention when he declared "I've never seen a more friendly club in my experience".

Bob immediately captivated his audience to tell his story of the activities of the Victorian Business Centre of which Bob is one of the executive officers.

Its brief was to give the small business community basic guidance on business operations. Many small business men in Australia incurred heavy losses in the early period of their operation, failing because of their lack of expertise. The Victorian Business Centre had now some measure of success in developing business strategies thus improving exports in the manufacturing circle with resultant benefit to the State.

The Government had provided consultants and accountants to give this information service, particularly with research data and profitability knowledge in a big range of industries.

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The centre now had a pool of some 40 expert advisers, who were proven in the field of business and manufacturing.

Mr. G. Trewartha, Bendigo district representative of the Centre was also present at the meeting.

CYRIL MICHELSON.

PROBUS TRIPS INFORMATION:

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st: FILM MORNING & CHINESE LUNCH

Commence at 9.30 am. Film: "The Last Emperor", Location: R.L. Campbell Theatre. Chinese Lunch: Smorgasboard at "House of Khong" (Approx. 12.45 pm). Cost: Film & Lunch \$10.00. Film Only \$3.00. Lunch only \$7.00. Ample vacancies for Film. Emergencies taken for Lunch.

PAYMENTS: If you have not already paid then kindly do so today.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd: TRIP TO YARRA GLEN RACES: Picnic Atmosphere.

Inspection of the "House of Bottles" Kinglake and we meet up with members and ladies of Doncaster and Wonthaggi Probus Club and have an interesting day at the races. We have 45 "Complimentary Tickets" for the races.

Cost: \$12.00/person, includes, Coach Fare, BBQ Lunch & Inspection of House of Bottles and entry to Races. Some vacancies left, emergencies required. PAYMENTS: At meeting today please. (Depart 7.30 am).

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH: TRIP TO RICH RIVER CLUB & POKIES.

Depart Strath Community Complex, Crook St. at 9.30 am. Arrive Rich River 11.00 am. Depart Rich River 3.00 pm. Arrive Bendigo 4.30 pm. Cost: \$3.00 per person. (Coach Maximum of 45 to travel). Includes: Coach Fare, 3 Course Meal of Soup, Main Course, Sweets with Tea & Coffee. List will be tabled today, payments at March meeting.

MAY 23RD TO MAY 31ST: 9 DAY/8 NIGHT HOULDENS OF BENDIGO, modern coach.

Overnight at Sale, 3 nights Merimbula, 3 nights Canberra and one either Wagga or Griffiths. Those who are booked on this trip please give me your opinion concerning: Canberra to two nights & having two nights at Griffiths to enable meeting up with our Griffith Probus friends.

DEPOSIT of \$46.00/person required to be paid at Houldens Bendigo.

Currently Coach is full, with emergencies.

SINGAPORE & HONG KONG: Possible trip Mid to late August 1989.

Example, a current offer: 3 nights Singapore, 5 nights Hong Kong.

Inclusions: Return Air Travel, transfers, Twin Room accommodation, Limited sightseeing - Cost \$1370/person. (Other alternatives available). Currently I have expressions of interest from 15 persons.

I REQUIRE MORE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO TRAVEL IN ORDER TO MAKE A DEAL ON TRAVEL COST. Your expression of interest is not at this stage a commitment. LIST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WILL BE TABLED TODAY. (Perhaps the departure time of year does not suit - ?)

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on 15th March, 1989 at the Bendigo Club at 10.00 am.

AGENDA

President's Report

Consideration of Financial Statement pursuant to

Section 30 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981

- Election of Officers
- (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Secretary

Election of 7 Committee Members

Determine entrance fee

Determine annual subscription

Appointment of an Auditor

Special General Meeting 16/3/88 following the closure of the Annual General Meeting.

AGENDA

Minutes of February Meeting

Reports

General Business

R. DOWNEY, SECRETARY.

Election of Officers and Committee members.

Rule 23.1. Nominations for candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee

- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination) and
- (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

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JAUNTS WITH GEORGE

Remember Sovereign Hill? What an enjoyable day, even though showery, walking through history; - alluvial shafts, mine workings; steam driven pumps; the spotlessly clean engine room; the boiler room; the battery stamper. A living replica of Ballarat in the days of gold. The Gold Museum, - What a wealth of information and exhibits. Early gold coins from the Pharaohs to Australian Koalas. The ornaments of gold worn by the ancients.

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JAUNTS WITH GEORGE Cont.

The interesting relief map of the goldfields, showing the locations of various diggings and the type of alluvial gold obtained at each place. Did you notice the further down-stream, the finer the gold? An instructive and happy day.

D.E.C.A. --- S.P.C. INC. --- S.P.C. Ltd.

Eric Montgomery, with the assistance of Shepparton Rotary Clubs, Apex Clubs, and other interested people set up the Goulburn Valley Driver Training School and Complex, north of Shepparton on a forty hectare site to provide off-road driver training facilities for all types of vehicles and all ages and operators. Today this training complex is recognised Australia wide and now has overseas connections. Because of the extension, it has become Driver Education Centre Australia. Our party was given a very interesting tour and insight into this very important safety driver training complex.

Adjourned to the Lake for barbecue lunch where we met members of Shepparton Probus Club, and had an enjoyable chat. They hope to visit here. The tour of Shepparton Preserving Company Limited was instructive, humorous (the protective headgear) and rewarding (bulk purchases). Local supermarkets will note a diminished demand for canned fruits. Between 360 to 400 growers supply the co-operative with fruit direct from their orchards, and the maximum production is 2,100,000 cans per day. This employs a seasonal force of 1100 and a permanent staff of 650. The company exports a variety of products, principally canned fruit, to 39 countries throughout the world.

- GEORGE JENNINGS.

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HOW TO HANDLE A WOMAN. A young woman walked into a police station and gave the Sergeant a detailed description of a man who had dragged her by the hair down three flights of stairs, threatened to choke her and finally beat her up.

The Sergeant was sympathetic. "With that description he said, "We'll have him arrested and in gaol in next to no time".

"But I don't want him arrested," she wailed, "I just want you to find him - he promised to marry me!".

THE COUPLE seated in a restaurant seemed to be having a wonderful time. But as the woman glanced away from the table, their waiter suddenly rushed over. "Madam, look," he said. "Your husband just slid under the table". "No, he didn't," she replied. "My husband just came in the door."