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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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GUEST SPEAKER at this meeting will be Mr. Ian Mansbridge who is General Manager of the Sandhurst Trustees. Ian has recently returned from a trip to South America which I believe included a visit to the Galapagos Islands of Charles Darwin fame.

One of life's great mysteries was solved for me at our January meeting. I was assured that women are far more interested in toilet facilities than men because they "are much closer to the action". I quote as my authority DAVID HUMPHREYS.

David was relating some of the adventures shared when he and his wife Helen did some "back-packing" in the Eastern section of the Mediterranean. Their trip which was partly prompted by an interest in the old Hellenic Empire and the associated gods commenced in Greece and took in Crete and Turkey. Memories relating to two World Wars were rekindled for many.

While travelling from Greece to Crete by ferry the Humphreys met members of The Continuity Club of Johannesburg with whom they spent some time. In the early stages of his account of this encounter I wondered why reference was made to a grandmother who possessed a "fine figure". Perhaps the answer lay in the account of a skinny-dipping exercise on the south coast of Crete!

Included in the trip to Turkey were visits to such extreme contrasts as the Sultans Palaces in Istanbul to the battlefield at Gallipoli.

As a result of meeting the group from Johannesburg the Humphreys were invited to visit, and visited South Africa.

David's account of this trip made reference to the spectacular Victoria Falls and the magnificence of some of the National Parks - including Kruger.

Reference was also made to the breakdown of racial groups in South Africa. There are 3 million Afrikaners, 2 million of English extraction, 1½ million of Indian extraction and "coloured", and 25 million black people. Despite news reports members were assured that some breakdown of apartheid was taking place - even in Johannesburg.

David was introduced by Phil Harper and thanked by Jack Davies.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22ND: DAYLESFORD-JUBILEE LAKE-HEPBURN SPRINGS-MALDON.

Depart Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street at 9.00 a.m., arrive home approximately 4.30 p.m.

A leisurely day, take own Picnic Lunch and Thermos, Hot Water available at lunch time. Some may like a Mineral Spa or Bath?

COST: \$6.00 per person (Coach only) (45). PAYMENT TODAY PLEASE.

Please check the listing, some emergencies may be required.

FRIDAY MARCH 9TH: BALLARAT-BEGONIA FESTIVAL:

Depart from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street at 8.30 a.m.

Estimated arrive home approximately 5.00 p.m. Take own Picnic lunch.

COST: \$10.00 (Coach and one admission). Limit 45 persons.

PAYMENT TODAY PLEASE: Please check the listing, some emergencies may be required.

TUESDAY APRIL 24TH: BARMAH FORREST/LAKES, DISCOVERY BOAT CRUISE, DEVONSHIRE TEA. (Take own Picnic Lunch).

Depart 8.00 am: From Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street.

Proceed to Echuca, over river to Barmah area, Picnic Lunch, meet our "Discovery Boat" at Barmah, boat trip back to Echuca where we arrive 6.30 p.m., pick up Coach and return home, arrive approx 8.00 p.m.

This trip should prove to be unusual and interesting.

List posted today: Estimated Cost: \$20.00 per person.

(Includes Coach, Boat Trip, Devonshire Tea).

LATE MAY: Possible **"AUSTRIAN NIGHT & DINNER"** Oom, Pa, Paa" Austrian Music at DAYLESFORD INN.

HUNTER VALLEY-HAWKESBURY RIVER AREA: Based at Gosford. - SEPTEMBER. Return home through and spend a night in the Blue Mountains.

Thank you very much for your response to the questionnaire presented at the January meeting for our major trip this year.

Results clearly showed: In favour of:

Trip to Hunter Valley, Hawkesbury River Area and return home through the Blue Mountains.

Duration: To be longer than 6 day/5 night, most preferred an 8 day/7 night.

Time of year: September.

Currently, due to availability of accommodation, the trip is being scheduled between Monday Sept 17th and Friday Sept 28th. Itineraries and costings for 8 day/7 nights and 7 days/6 nights.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on 21st March, 1990 at the Bendigo Club at 10.00 a.m.

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 21/3/90 following the closure of the Annual General Meeting.

AGENDA

Minutes of February Meeting

Reports

General Business.

R. DOWNEY, SECRETARY.

JANUARY was a good month for Club Members. As most would be aware three members were the recipients of notable honours. In alphabetical order these were:-

ARTHUR COWLING who has been elected to the position of President of Y's Men International for 1991.

BRUCE PERRIN who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal on Australia Day (See Profile this issue).

JACK TAYLOR who was granted the Freedom of the Borough of Eaglehawk - again on Australia Day.

I am sure all members will join me in extending congratulations to these three who fully deserve the recognition they have received.

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Most of us would be aware that it is now necessary for major hospitals to be accredited before they are entitled to receive funding. How many of us are aware that the first nursing home in Australia to receive Accrediation from the Australian Council on Hospital Standards was the Anne Caudle Centre.

I don't know why this institution was first, but I would be very surprised of the dedication and foresight of its Chief Executive Officer - BRUCE PERRIN were not amongst the major contributing factors.

Bruce was born in Deniliquin and gained his primary education and part of his secondary education in that town. His schooling was completed at Haileybury College. His education was extended by the completion of qualifications in Accounting (1955) and Health Service Administration (1962).

During his working life Bruce has spent 32 years as the Chief Executive Officer of hospitals at Swan Hill (3 years), Wangaratta (15 years) and at the Anne Caudle Centre (14 years). During these years he was a member of a wide range of bodies and became fully aware of the machinations of the Health System.

In 1970 Bruce took up a scholarship by The Sloan Institute of Hospital Administration at Cornell University.

The move from Wangaratta in 1974 was motivated by the challenge to improve the standard of care and facilities for the aged.

Changes introduced under Bruce's administration were introduced to rehabilitation and community based services to help the aged maintain a level of mobility that would allow them to defer institutionalisation.

The recognition gained by the Anne Caudle Centre nationally bears testimony to the success of the changes adopted during the years from 1974 to retirement.

Bruce's involvement in the community did not stop in the health field. He has had a long association with Rotary - including presidency of the Wangaratta, and has been appointed as a Justice of the Peace.

On a family level Bruce and wife Beverly have two children - Simon and Lousie.

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BOWLS NOTES: Beginners are reminded that an introductory session has been organised for 10.00 am on 1st March at Woodbury. Dress casual - flat-soled shoes or slippers required. Please attend by 9.30 a.m.

The Bendigo District Probus Club tournament will be held at Eaglehawk on the 3rd of April. Four ungraded teams can be entered. Teams to be advised later.

Bendigo Probus def Bendigo East on 25th January - 61 to 60.
U3A Members interested in the University of the Third Age should keep 7th March free. JOCK CROOK will provide details.