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

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

GUEST SPEAKER at the February Meeting will be Mr. Geoff Michel - Chief Engineer for the Rural Water Commission. I am not aware of the subject of Geoff's address, but I doubt that it will be a dry topic.

Use of language is always a fascinating subject! How about this; "Bug....d = Broken, Bug....d up = severely broken, and Bug....d up finish = not able to be repaired. This was just one series of new terms that Hugh Wheeler encountered when he ventured to Papua New Guinea with a Rotary work party.

The work party consisting of 9 members flew to PNG to help with the construction of 6 dormitories that would add to the sleeping accommodation available for boys attending the School of Martyrs in the Popondetta area.

During his talk Hugh related a number of incidents that occurred prior to and during his stay. These included :-

The change in the price of a Visa from \$7 to \$2,000 and then back to \$7.

The combination of heat, humidity and other odours that become apparent on landing at almost any tropical airport.

The value of the "password" 'School of Martyrs'.

The new meaning of the term "Rock Concert" as applied to the more destructive elements of PNG society.

The lack of meaning contained in any of the internal plane schedules, and the doubtful airworthiness of PNG aircraft.

The dangers that become apparent when flying in PNG - namely the mountains that make steep ascents and descents necessary regardless of weather conditions.

The constant perspiration and the need to replenish liquid.

The meagre accommodation provided and the 12 hour workday that started at 6.00 a.m.

The expert use of the long bush-knife when lawn mowing was required.

In addition to some of the more humorous comments members were advised that one of the serious problems facing PNG relates to the necessity to reduce the number of dialects spoken at village level. Currently approximately 1,000 such dialects are in use. The resultant communication problem is a major one.

Another problem - perhaps of lesser significance is the need for a family to raise a substantial "bride price" before a son can marry.

Hugh's address as well as being informative and light-hearted, evoked many memories for those who served in PNG during World War II. Hugh was introduced by Bruce Perrin and thanked by Cliff Binks who made the usual presentation.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

TUESDAY MARCH 5TH. "FILM MORNING AT R.L. CAMPBELL THEATRETTE" at 9.45 a.m. FOLLOWED BY BBQ - STRATHDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE PARK.

Film : "A World Apart" 1988 Cannes Film Festival; "One of year's best films." A high powered human drama. **Commencing Time** : 9.45 a.m. BBQ will follow conclusion of film : Approx 12.30 p.m.

****CASTLEMAINE PROBIANS & WIVES WILL BE JOINING US****

COST : Film Only : \$3.00, BBQ Only : \$3.00, Film & BBQ : \$6.00 per person.

****PAYMENTS AT TODAY'S MEETING PLEASE****

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH. "COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS PICNIC DAY AT BENDIGO RACE COURSE"

A joint venture organised by the Combined Probus Clubs of Bendigo. Invitations also sent to Castlemaine, Maryborough & Echuca Probus Clubs. **ALL IS ON A BYO BASIS**, that is Food, Drinks, own BBQ utensils, etc. **NO ADMISSION CHARGE** : Gates Open at 11.00 a.m. approximately. Club members are asked to join in among other Clubs, make new friends, meet old friends. A great opportunity for fellowship and exchange of ideas.

TUESDAY MARCH 26TH. "INTER PROBUS CLUB GOLF DAY AT NEANGER PARK"

Assemble at 12.00 noon, Play commences 12.30 p.m. Competition : Stableford with maximum handicap of 27. Best three cards from each Club will decide winning Club. **PERPUTUAL TROPHY** supplied by Eaglehawk Probus Club. Afternoon Tea Provided : **ENTRY FEE** : Green Fee Cost currently **\$6.00/player**. All players of varying ability welcome.

**** INTENDING PLAYERS NAMES AT TODAY'S MEETING PLEASE ****

Convenor : Noel Thomas (Eaglehawk Probus Club) Secretary.

CYRIL McDONALD/ALLAN DINGLE give notice that at the Annual Meeting they will move the following motions :-

1... That the Club's Constitution be amended as hereby listed:-

"A" Membership Paragraph - Sub Paragraph (c)

Presently reads .. "Members leaving the BENDIGO area may retain their membership.

*** Substitute to read ... "Any member who residently transfers outside the Greater Bendigo Area shall not remain a member of this Club after his current financial membership expires. (Note).. For the purposes of interpretation, The Greater Bendigo Area means the area within the City of Bendigo and its adjoining municipalities."

"B" Membership paragraph - Sub Paragraph (d)

Presently reads ... "Residents of areas outside the territorial limits specified above will be welcome as members in the expectation that they will consider joining a Probus Club in their own area should one be formed."

*** Propose to delete Sub Para (d)

"C" Membership Paragraph - Sub Paragraph (e)

Presently reads ... "Members may belong to any number of other Probus Clubs subject to their acceptance by those other Clubs."

*** Substitute to read ... "Members on the Club Register prior to March 1991 may belong to any other Probus Club within the Greater Bendigo Area subject to their acceptance by those other Clubs. Members joining this Club after March, 1991 will not hold dual Probus Club membership. It would be expected the member would adopt one Club. Failure to comply will render membership to this Club null and void."

"D" Membership Paragraph - Sub Paragraphs (e) and (f) and (g)

*** Propose to be read ... Sub Paragraphs (d) and (e) and (f) respectively.

2... That the Probus Club of Bendigo Inc. adopt the following By-laws :-

1... If a Waiting List of nominees is established, then :-

(a) Only the top ten (10) nominees will be allowed as a Club "privilege" to attend Club Functions such as, limited inclusion to entertainment, tours or special functions, etc., that the Committee may approve from time to time. Notwithstanding, all nominees held by the Secretary to the close of 23rd. November, 1990 are to be considered as being within the Top Ten Category."

(b) All existing and future nominees for membership will be required to pay :-

* Nominating Fee (Once only) (fee as determined at A.G.M.)

* Annual Nominee Fee (fee as determined at A.G.M.)

Both the above fees will become payable with application, and the appropriate Annual Nominee Fee again being due at each subsequent Annual General Meeting until in the course of time the nominee becomes a member; when the normal Annual Subscription will become payable. Failure to pay the above fees within three months of the due date will render the nominees application null and void.

2... All applications for membership accepted by the Committee will be recorded on the Waiting List strictly in order of receipt by the Secretary, provided applications are satisfactorily completed and accompany appropriate fees.

3... That no new by-law, or amendment or repeal of any existing by-laws shall be made, except at a regular meeting of the Club, in pursuance of notice given in writing to the Secretary at a previous regular meeting. Any new by-law, amendment or repeal shall only be passed if agreed by two thirds of the Club's members present.

Any member wishing to debate any part of these motions should note that the motions will not be reprinted in the next issue of "Probe".

NOTICE OF MEETING :

Under 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 Annual General Meeting.

Notice is hereby given as follows :-

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on 20th. March, 1991 at the Bendigo Club at 10.00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1... Confirm Minutes of Last Preceding A.G.M.
- 2... President's Report
- 3... Consideration of Financial Statement pursuant to Section 30 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981
- 4... Election of Officers -
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Secretary
- 5... Election of 7 Committee Members
- 6... Consider Notices of Motion Re Changes to Constitution and adoption of By-laws as previously advised
- 7... Determine fees/charges for 1991/92 -
 - ... Joining Fee (Present \$10.00)
 - ... Annual Subscription (Present \$5.00)
 - ... Nominating Fee (If applicable)
 - ... Annual Nominee Fee (If applicable)
- 8... Appointment of Auditor
- 9... Close of A.G.M.

Special General Meeting to follow closure of the A.G.M.

AGENDA

- 1... Minutes of February Meeting
- 2... Reports
- 3... General Business

Bob Chenery (Secretary)

TUESDAY APRIL 23RD. TRIP TO MELBOURNE -

"CONDUCTED TOUR OF FOUR 'N' TWENTY PIES"

(8.30 a.m. departure) Maximum to Travel : 40. COST : \$10.00/Person
Includes : Coach Fare, Conducted Tour of Four 'N' Twenty (1½ hours)
& afternoon tea; comprising their products, plus tea & coffee.
Four 'N' Twenty request : **"All be able bodied (no walking sticks)."**
(Stop High Point West en-route).

**** PLEASE CHECK LISTING : PAYMENTS TODAY PLEASE ****

THURSDAY JULY 11TH. TRIP TO MELBOURNE -

"GREAT AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SHOW"

Venue : World Congress Centre, Melbourne. Est. Departure Time
: 8.15 a.m. Refreshments : available for purchase : COST : \$14.00
/Person. Includes Coach Fare plus entry to "Show".

This landmark event will draw together in a single & intergrated
forum many of Australia's most important & science based
corporations, researchers & other organisations. An extensive
program & demonstrations plus over 100 exhibits & displays.

**** LIST TABLED TODAY ****

Payments at MAY MEETING.

LATE MAY, 1991 Visit to Radio Australia (Burwood) and either Police
Academy or other location on same day (a/c Radio Australia can
only take 23 maximum on a tour) Tours to alternate morning and
afternoon.

POSSIBLE TOUR FOR SEPTEMBER TO PROVIDENCE LODGE

(Via Adaminaby N.S.W.)

The lodge is situated beside Lake Ecumbene in Snowy Mountains.

Estimated Cost : Approx. \$383.00 Includes : Accommodation, D.B.B.
& Lunches, Supper before bedtime, Evening entertainment. Entries
included Coach Fare.

**** LITERATURE AVAILABLE FOR PERUSAL AT MEETING TODAY ****

"An excellent selection of trips"

Good reports from other Probus Club : "Value for Money Trip"

FROM A CAR ACCIDENT CLAIM FORM: Q. "State clearly how the accident
occured." A. "While travelling south along the South Gippsland
highway a large female magpie flying in a westerly direction collided
with the front of my vehicle. As my vehicle was on the ground, the
magpie was in contravention of Air Navigation Order 210 which states
that an airborne aircraft shall abort landing and go around if a
danger of collision exists!"