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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.

The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Ken Briggs, former head of the Rural Water Commission of Victoria, Loddon Region his subject - The Construction of Dartmouth Dam.

At the last meeting on January 20, the Guest Speaker was Hugh Mason, whose subject was - The Design and Construction of the Roxby Downs township.

The introduction of Hugh Mason was performed by Alan Dingle. Hugh was born in Bendigo and his training in Engineering commenced at the Bendigo School of Mines.

One important rule he learned was to get the drainage right before anything else. This explains the observation I made when visiting Roxby Downs with Probus last year. As Roxby Downs is a new town, an artificial town it might be said, I was surprised that the street plan is not a rectangular grid, nor even a system of concentric circles like Canberra has. The streets of Roxby Downs follow a pattern dictated by the sand dunes and swales made by nature.

Because of the enormous size of the ore body it was decided to make a real town there, not a mining camp. Two years were spent in planning the social structure because it was decided that the men working the mine would establish their families in the town.

The first stage of construction was to put in an access road because the site was so remote. Next came the street system. The water supply has to rely on artesian water, and since this has a high mineral content, 2000 parts per million, a desalination plant was required. This was too successful in purifying the water and some salts had to be put back in. The isolation meant that the electric power supply available was limited so a L.P. gas system was installed. Finally the housing was established; one third of the housing was fabricated in Adelaide and transported in.

The ore body, which contains copper, silver, gold and uranium, was discovered from anomolous data received by satellite.

Two statistics, the budget for the construction of the town was \$100 million and the budget for the entire project was \$1,000 million.

John McCoy thanked the Speaker and made the usual presentation.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - Wednesday March 24th, 1993: Trip to Melbourne - 'Phantom of The Opera' Matinee Show. Cost: \$80.00/person (\$50.00 on show of Pensioner Card). Depart: 9.00 a.m. from Strathdale Community Centre.

Tickets for Bendigo Probus Club Members and wives who booked and made payments direct to Houldens, will be available for distribution at March 17th Probus Meeting. Houldens have advised that in the event of cancellation.

Replacements have to be found by the persons who booked. Arthur (43 9162) has names of persons seeking tickets.

Thursday April 22nd, 1993: Trip to Ballarat - Sovereign Hill. Dinner plus Sound and Light Show. Cost: \$31.00/person. Includes Coach Fare, Dinner, Sound and Light Show. Depart: Bendigo 4.00pm. Arrive Home approx. 11.30 pm. Dinner: 6.45 pm, Sound and Light Show 8.00 pm. - finish 9.20 pm. Maximum to travel 49.

The Sound and Light Show is an exciting new show which takes place across the whole 25 hectare panorama of Sovereign Hill, it is an outstanding experience which involves and surrounds the audience. Clever use of sound and lighting effects stirs the imagination.

*** (This show is proving very popular with patrons) ***

LIST TABLED: February Meeting. PAYMENTS: March Meeting.

Be early - when idea floated was very popular with membership

Friday/Saturday 14th/15th May, 1993: Trip to Mornington Peninsula Area (2 Day/1 Night. Maximum 44 persons). Cost: \$120.00/person includes Coach Fare, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, Picnic Lunch (2nd day), Entrance Fees. Depart Bendigo: 7.30 a.m. on Friday, arrive Portsea 12 noon. We take an historic tour of Pt. Nepean on the Tractor/Train (2.00 pm to 4.00 pm) after which we travel to Hastings, our stop for the night, at the Harbour View Motor Inn (6 year old Motel - all ground level twin share - Motel has 4 acres of gardens).

On Saturday: Depart Motel 8.30 am and pay a visit to the famous Emu Plains (Red Hill Community Market), travel around the Peninsula to see items of interest. **Lunch:** in grounds of home of Thelma and Dal Martin. We travel home via Sorrento, travel on the Car Ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliffe and continue homeward through the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong.

Note - When the trip was floated, there was overwhelming support for a return home via "Car Ferry".

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Arthur Eaton,
Trips Liaison Officer.

TRIP REPORT

A group of members and wives made a trip to Richmond on January 19 to the studios of Channel 9. The objective was to see and participate in the new T.V. Game Show "Keynotes". Some of the party had previously attended the studios to see other shows, but for those who had no previous experience there were revelations in store. The glamour and slickness you see when you watch at home were not always visible. The tunes set as problems were often too contemporary for Probus Members, but when an "oldie" came up we could beat the panel.

BOWLS

The Bendigo and District Probus Clubs Bowls Championships will take place at Golden Square on Tuesday February 23rd, all day, starting at 10.30. Teams will be announced at today's meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS to Arthur Cowling on the award of O.A.M.

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 be 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.

Note - Preliminary advice of above was given in last months "Probe" together with appropriate nomination form; further copies available from Secretary.

Notice is hereby given as follows:-

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on 17th March 1993 at the Bendigo Club at 10.00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Confirm minutes of 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. Determine fees/subscriptions for 93/94 -
 - (a) Joining Fee.....(Present \$10.00)
 - (b) Annual Subscription.....(Present \$15.00)
 - (c) Nominating Fee.....(Present \$10.00)
 - (d) Annual Nominee Fee.....(Present \$ 5.00)
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Close of A.G.M.

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

1. Minutes of February Meeting
2. Reports
3. General Business
4. Close

Bob Chenery
(Secretary)

