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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 2 Cook Street, Bendigo 3550.

The guest speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Ern Bell who will speak on the Masonic Institution.

For the first meeting of 1997, our guest speaker was Mr. Hugh Mason, Engineer/Designer of Roxby Downs township and previously Shire Engineer for the Strathfieldsaye Shire Council.

A graduate of the Bendigo School Of Mines in Civil Engineering, Hugh was employed as Shire Engineer with several councils, not the least being Strathfieldsaye, where, amongst many other achievements, he coordinated the efforts of five local councils during the construction of the Bendigo airfield.

Hugh was also employed by Western Mining Corporation to build Roxby Downs township in South Australia to provide accommodation for the personnel manning the Roxby Downs mine and their families. This mine gives access to a massive ore body containing copper, gold, silver and uranium and has a working life of approximately 300 years.

Due to the isolation of the site, which is about 500kms north of Adelaide with very poor access roads, most early access was by air. Vegetation consisted mainly of mulga and native pine while the terrain was sand dunes. Commenced in 1986, the town is designed to accommodate 5000 to 6000 people and includes a \$7 million shopping/hotel/motel complex, a licensed club and 2 canteens to provide essentials of life while leisure time was catered for with swimming pool, tennis courts, sports ovals, golf course and 2

caravan parks. Some housing was transported from the South while others were built on site in temperatures, at times, in excess of 38 degrees centigrade. The South Australian market of instant grass was cornered as it was not practical to grow lawn from seed.

A limestone quarry 4kms away provided roadmaking materials; water was obtained from the artesian basin and power came from a feeder line from Port Augusta. The water was piped to a 4 mega-litre plastic lined basin then passed through a desalination plant. The sewage system is evaporative and surplus water is recycled for watering purposes.

Hugh rounded off his talk with a few words on his time in New Guinea where he worked on the redevelopment of roads and airfield in the region.

This very interesting and informative talk, illustrated by slides, was enjoyed by all members present.

Our guest speaker was introduced by Cliff Binks and an expression of thanks, followed by the usual presentation, was made by Bill Clemens.

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 seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

Note - Preliminary advice of the above was given in last month's "Probe" together with the appropriate Nomination form; further copies are available from the Secretary.

Completed forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday, 12th March, 1997.

Notice is hereby given as follows:-

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on Wednesday, 19th March, 1997, at 10.00 a.m. at the Club's Meeting venue.

AGENDA

- 1 Confirm minutes of previous A.G.M.
- 2 Presidents 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 seven (7) Committee Members
- 6 Determine fees/subscriptions for 97/98-
 - (a) Joining Fee (present \$10.00)
 - (b) Annual Subscription (present \$15.00)
 - (c) Nomination 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 Confirmation of February Meeting Minutes
- 2 Reports
- 3 General Business
- 4 Close Ken Coles (Secretary)

BOWLS REPORT

In the match against Bendigo East on January 16, the best performed team was A. Dingle, R. Downey, R. Fitzgerald with H. Hesse as skip. In spite of their efforts Bendigo East won the day. The next game will be against North Bendigo on Wednesday, 26th February.

The teams are-

L. Nankivell	J. Rose	R. Fitzgerald	J. Kelly
R. Holmes	J. Laidlaw	D. Donaldson	D. Opie
P. Goodrich	E. Driscoll	A. Court	E. Hogan
W. Clemens(S)	V. Canobie(S)	K. Gloster(S)	H. Hesse(S)

NB Keep Tuesday, 25th March free for Bendigo and District Probuss Bowls Championship.

TRIPS INFORMATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1997: TRIP TO SEYMOUR ALTERNATE FARMING EXPO AND RAILWAY HERITAGE CENTRE.

Max: (49) Current: (49)

Depart: 8.15 a.m. Arrival Home: Approx. 5.30 p.m. (Buy/bring own lunch). COST: \$17.00/person includes coach fare and entry fees.

THURSDAY MARCH 20, 1997: "EVENING OUT IN GREATER BENDIGO"

Depart Strath Community Centre, Crook Street 5.30 p.m.. Return 11.00 p.m. COST: \$20.00/person includes coach, two venues, dinner (3 course), concert, supper. "A Cliff Binks Special" Quality entertainment and food assured.

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\$ 104

"No restrictions on numbers" Current Bookings (86).
LIST: PAYMENTS at February 19th Meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1997 "OUT OF TOWN MYSTERY TRIP" by Cliff Binks. This is guaranteed to surpass previous Mystery trips, it will both please and surprise. COST: \$32/person includes coach, morning and afternoon teas, lunch and 3 tours. Max: (53), Current: (75) PAYMENTS at February 19th Meeting.

FRIDAY MAY 9TH TO MONDAY MAY 12TH, 1997 (4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS) MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON PASSENGER VESSEL "PROUD MARY" Max: (35) Current: (35): (Emergencies 8, further invited) COST: \$435/person twin share (based on 30 paying travellers). Includes road coach, Proud Mary Package and Murray Bridge Motor Inn (D.B.B.) Copies itineraries available. *Insurance available. PAYMENTS: March 19th Meeting. (Cheque to Probus Club of Bendigo) \$435 less deposit \$50 paid = \$385/person.

TRIP OF THE YEAR. FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH TO TUESDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 1997. 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS TO MARY LYNN - MARYSVILLE. Max: (46) COST: \$300/person includes coach, en suite accommodation, all meals, supper, use of all resort facilities, coach tours (daily) to local attractions. **Evening entertainment **Excellent variety of home style meals **Special dietary requests catered for with prior notice given **Swimming pool, spa, indoor bowls complex **Specializes in providing "all inclusive holidays for groups in 50 and over age group"
A leisurely, relaxed, enjoyable and interesting holiday at a venue with excellent facilities in scenic surroundings is assured.
"Don't miss this trip". LIST at Wednesday February 19th Meeting.
Deposits: \$50/person at March 19th Meeting.

****IMPORTANT:** To assist the "COLLECTORS" please tender correct monies at time of payment; if by cheque, endorse: "payment for..."