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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9.30am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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This month's guest speaker is Ken Briggs, former CEO of State Rivers, now back after working on the construction of dams and reservoirs in South Africa.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker at the January meeting was introduced by Bruce Perrin, he was Paul Kirkpatrick who is the CEO of the Peter Harcourt Centre and he spoke about the development of Harcourt Park.

Paul is a Bendigonian, born and bred, who has worked for some time in the field of health management. He was formerly a colleague of Bruce Perrin at the Base Hospital. Among his present activities he is chairman of Camp Getaway at Axedale.

He has been the CEO at the Peter Harcourt Centre for six years now, and one of his achievements is the supervision of the construction of the Harcourt Park facility. The Peter Harcourt Centre and Harcourt Park are named after the son of Sylvia Harcourt. Peter was killed in a car accident, and in his memory his mother endowed the centre.

The centre has a staff of fifty-five, who supervise the one hundred and ten occupants of the centre. The annual budget is usually approaching three million dollars. The organisation owns and runs the Watermark Paper Mill in Abel Street. Another activity is environmental services in which grass cutting and garden maintenance are involved. Besides these there are Calico Country in Williamson Street and the Terrace Print Service in Mollison Street.

Harcourt Park is a new venture. It is situated at Grassy Flat Creek on Crook Street between Gittens Drive and Crook Street. The park is an innovative project intended to forge relationships between people with a disability and the rest of the community. The aim is to provide the opportunity and a venue for these people to gain skills in agriculture and horticulture, and it is also planned to have a chook shed and a pigeon loft. Another future aim is to have a mini zoo with small domestic animals, maybe cattle and even

horses on adjustment. The community in general, and particularly schools will be invited to visit and perhaps participate. Harcourt Park is proudly supported by:



At the end the speaker was thanked by Bob Holmes, who made the usual presentation.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Under Rule 14c)...All nominations AND acceptances of nomination shall be made in writing, signed by two nominators AND the candidate/s.

Note: Preliminary advice of above was given in last months 'Probe', together with appropriate nomination form; further copies available from Secretary. Completed forms to be in the hands of the Secretary not less than seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

Notice is hereby given as follows:

Then Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on 20th March 2002 at 9.30am at the Club's Meeting Venue.

Agenda:

1. Confirm minutes of preceding AGM
2. President's Report
3. Consideration of Financial Statement pursuant to Section 18d) of the Constitution October 1998 (Club's Balance Sheet).
4. Election of Executive Officers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Secretary
5. Election of 5 Committee Members.
6. Determine fees/subscriptions for 2002/03
 - a) Joining Fee Present \$ 25.00 once only
 - b) Annual Subscription Present \$ 20.00
 - c) Nomination Fee Present \$ 25.00 once only
 - d) Annual Nominee Fee Present \$ 10.00
 - e) Per Meeting Attendance Present \$ 2.00
7. Appointment of Auditor.
8. Appointment of Public Officer.
9. Other business as directed by the President.
10. Close of AGM.

Special General Meeting to follow closure of the AGM

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

BIRTHDAY BOY: The 80th birthday of Cliff Binks was celebrated very successfully by seventy guests at a party held at Eaglehawk Golf Club.

BOWLS NOTES:

Our January game against East Bendigo was rather disappointing when we suffered a substantial defeat. We hope to improve in the warmer weather with better results in February! Our best rink was Bob Holmes, Alex Wilson and Skipper, Col Turner.

The February game against North Bendigo has been cancelled. The only game in February will be the combined Probus Championship on Tuesday 26th February at East Bendigo. We are presently the holders of this event and as such will be hosting the day.

Assembly is 9.30am for 10.15am start - regulation dress. First game of twelve ends before lunch then two games of ten ends will be played after lunch followed by afternoon tea and presentations.

Total Cost: \$12.50 per player.

Teams:

W. Redmond	-	A. Eaton	-	A. Court	-	H. Hesse
J. Laidler	-	L. Roy	-	A. Stephens	-	J. Tate
J. Rose	-	C. Turner	-	E. Waterworth	-	P. Bath
E. Trewartha	-	A. Wilson	-	E. Hogan	-	F. O'Connell

Reserves: W. Winzar, R. Holmes, R. Downey, D. O'Neill, L. Nankivell

TRIPS ITEMS

THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2002 - TRIP TO LOCAL BENDIGO VENUES.

LUNCH: At the House of Khong

VISITS TO: Bendigo Pottery Interpretive Centre & theatre.

**** Use own cars.** Report at Pottery 9.00am

At Conclusion of Pottery visit, return to Bendigo and park cars. We then visit the 'Federation Exhibition' in the old Post Office building at 11am.

After our visit to Federation Exhibition, a very short walk to the House of Khong in Hargreaves Street, where at 12.30pm we partake of a 'Chinese Banquet style meal'. Choice of 17 courses, as much as you can eat.

COST: \$17.00 per person for tours and meal. (\$9.00 meal only)

PAYMENTS: Meeting Wednesday 20th February.

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2002: PROBUS ASS'N OF VIC. - 'FRIENDSHIP DAY'

VENUE: WERRIBEE PARK DEPART: 7.45AM ARRIVE HOME: APP. 6.00PM

COST: \$23.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: Coach, entry fees & morning tea of tea/coffee & biscuits.

**** A special day once a year - don't miss out.**

Musical entertainment: Police band will entertain throughout the day. **Banner Parade:**

Commencing at 12 noon. **Probian Games:** 1.30pm. Clubs are invited to arrange teams for quoits, skittles & ring the horseshoe. You will be free to do and go where you want to go.

Access to all the park including: Mansion, Winery Farm, State Rose Garden. Grounds tour in Explorer Transporter @ \$2.00/person.

Lunch: bring your own.

A fantastic day of fun & fellowship in a beautiful venue.

List: Wednesday February 20th meeting. **Payments:** Wednesday 20th March meeting

FRIDAY MAY 17TH TO MONDAY MAY 20TH 2002- 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

TRIP TO MARY LYN AT MARYSVILLE: Maximum (46)

Depart: Friday 17th May 9.00am **Home:** Monday 20th 4.00pm approx.

Cost: \$270/person twin share **Coach fare:** Approx. \$30.00/person

Includes: All meals, supper, use of all resort facilities, coach tours to local attractions.

****Evening entertainment **En suite rooms **Excellent variety of home style meals**

****Special dietary requests catered for with prior notice given **Swimming pool, spa, indoor bowls complex, leisure facilities **Specialises in providing 'all inclusive holidays for groups in 50 & over age group'. 'This trip is special- don't miss out. A leisurely, relaxed, enjoyable and interesting holiday at a venue with excellent facilities in scenic surroundings is assured.**

List: Wednesday 20th February meeting **Deposits:** \$50.00/person March 20th meeting.

Balance: At April 17th meeting. **** Positive response required at 20th Feb. meeting.**



AFRICA



A PROBUS TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA: 'AFRICAN WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE' **14 DAY TRIP FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2002**

Again travelling with Evergreen/Scenic Tours. This tour arranged on request from several who travelled on Canada/Alaska Tour. Specially designed by a South African on Evergreen's staff. Great variety with Safari Tours of Kruger Park and Itala Game Reserve with qualified rangers. Visits to Pretoria, Durban, Capetown, Cape Peninsula, Victoria Falls major places of interest.

COST: \$5495 per person, which is a very highly competitive price. **Includes:** Bendigo to Bendigo return and internal South African airfares. Entry fees to stated attractions, and almost all meals. ****South Africa Tour:** Qualified English speaking guides. Escorted by experienced Scenic Hostess. High quality accommodation and meals. Transport in Luxury Coaches in South Africa. **** Full details are being mailed to all who attended the Reunion and launch of the 'Proposed South African Tour'.** **** Tour is open to members from all Probus Clubs. For further information telephone Arthur Eaton, Tours Organiser on 5443 9162.**

EXTRACT FROM 'OLD GOLD' BENDIGO HIGH SCHOOL CIRCULAR:

Think you know everything?

1. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
2. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
3. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
4. There are more chickens than people in the world.
5. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is 'screeched'.
6. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
7. 'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.
8. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
9. There are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous'
They are: tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
10. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. (not Geelong footballers- H.H.)
11. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
12. A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
13. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
14. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
15. In England, the speaker of the house is not allowed to speak.
16. The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.
17. 'Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Now you know everything, don't you feel better?