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

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**This month our guest speaker is Ms Emily Roberts,
who will be speaking about Health and Medication**

At the January meeting our Guest Speaker was Greg Williams who was introduced by Gordon Glover.

Greg is a councillor on the council of Greater Bendigo. He left his job as a corporate accountant in 1996 to start farming yabbies. Yabbie farming is classified as a Fisheries Industry.

The biggest producer of yabbies in the country is Western Australia, but other states, including Victoria, make a contribution.

The bulk of production is sold live, and the market is limited by the amount of production a producer needs to keep the supply stable. Yabbies breed in the spring, the unit is one male to two females, which are housed in special tubs in flowing water.

Increasing daylight hours and rising temperatures trigger the breeding. The feed for the yabbies is barley, wheat and other grains. The success rate in rearing is 80%, some losses are due to aggression.

About 300 eggs are produced at a time and they take 5 weeks to hatch. There is no larval stage for yabbies, and hatchling's diet is the same as for adults.

Stocking density is 200gms of yabbies per square metre.

Locally, the biggest customer is Lake House in Daylesford, and at Julie Anna's.

Cliff Binks moved a vote of thanks and made the presentation.

The weather is here: Wish you were beautiful.

Notice of Meeting

Under rule 14 (c)..... 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 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

Notice is hereby given as follows:

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on the 17th March 2004 at 9:30am at the Club's Meeting Venue.

Agenda

- 1) Confirm minutes of preceding A.G.M.
- 2) President's report
- 3) Consideration of Financial Statement pursuant to Section 18 (d) of the Constitution 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 2004/05
 - (a) Joining Fee..... (Present \$25.00 once only)
 - (b) Annual Subscription (Present \$20.00)
 - (c) Nominating 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 President
- 10) Close of A.G.M.

Special General Meeting to follow closure of the AGM

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

Bob Chenery: Secretary

Change is inevitable. Except from a vending machine.

Vale

We regret to announce the passing of Kevin Houlahan. Kevin was President of the club in 1998 /99. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Teresa and the family.

One of our founder members, Ken Burch, is in Bethlehem and would welcome visitors.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Bowls Notes – January

Our January game against Bendigo East resulted in a win to East by 7 shots 83 – 76. Our best rink was skippered by Ray Fitzgerald with Jack Laidler and Zane Hughes. Our game in February will be the combined Probus Championship which is an all day event at Eaglehawk on Thursday 26th.

Bill Clemens

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy it.

Bowls Notes – February

Our game for this month is the Annual combined Probus Championship to be held at Eaglehawk on Thursday 26th February at 9.30am assembly, for a 10.15am start. Regulation dress. The day will consist of fours – first game of 12 ends then lunch, 2 games of 10 ends after lunch, followed by afternoon tea and presentations. Cost \$10.00 per player. Teams as selected.

W. Redmond	Z. Hughes	A. Court	M. Boyd
E. Trwertha	J. Laidler	R. Fitzgerald	K. Gloster
W. Winzar	A. Eaton	F. O'Connell	J. Tate
R. Chenery	A. Wilson	L. Roy	P. Bath

Res. E. Driscoll, M. McDonald, G. Glover, J. Kelly

Any player not available, please notify me A.S.A.P.

Bill Clemens

Foreign, adj. Belonging to another and inferior country.

Foreman, noun. Obsolete; see foreperson.



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY 22nd APRIL. - LOCAL AREA TRIP - VISIT (2) ATTRACTIONS

Maximum: (49) *With a Light Morning Tea & Lunch included.*

Road Coach - Depart: 8.45am from Strath Community Centre.

COST: \$25.00 per Person Includes: Coach Fare, Entry Fees, Light M/Tea & Lunch

Road Coach - Departs 8.45am: Travel per Road Coach where our first visit is to "Confectionery Capers" (the name is a Marketing theme.) which is situated 10 km East of Bendigo. This attraction is: Entertaining, Surprising, Puzzling, Intriguing and Educational, there is much of interest for both young and old. At the conclusion, if you wish can purchase some of the World's best Jelly Beans. The venue is well set out on level floor space.

Visit concluded we depart Confectionery Capers for our second venue which is to "Living Wings & Things" which is situated nearby the Bendigo Pottery. Walk through the Tropical Butterfly House featuring hundreds of free flying Butterflies. Walk among the many beautiful coloured Parrots and take the opportunity to see many other species.

(Toilets: together with Disabled access and facilities.) Whilst here we have a Cuppa & Biscuits in pleasant outside surroundings, or if required may be inside. There is ample seating.

We depart "Wings & Things" per Road Coach and return to Crook St. Car Park arriving at 12 noon.

LUNCH at 12.30pm: Is a Chinese Smorgasboard (with a variety of dishes - eat as much as you wish)

Lunch Venue is at the House of Khong it is situated at 200 Hargreaves St. near Multi Story Car Park.

**** Use own cars to travel from Crook Street to the House of Khong.**

LIST: At meeting Wednesday 18th February. PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 17th March.

LITTLE DESERT TOUR: Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd September. (3 Days/2Nights)

Staying at Little Desert Lodge (Near Nhill in Victoria.) Maximum: (40)

COST: \$264.00/Person. Includes: Road Coach, Accommodation (En Suite), All Meals, Entrance Fees. Single Supplement: (If room on own, add \$40.00/person.)

The Little Desert Nature Lodge is a peaceful retreat located on the edge of the Little Desert National Park. The Lodge offers comfortable facilities, warm hospitality and a memorable environmental experience. Set in natural bushland of 117 hectares and managed since 1976 by local "living treasure" Whimpey Reichelt, share in his knowledge and passion for the Little Desert. Our stay includes much variety.

On Day 1: Some free time, at 8.00pm we are taken on a guided "Nocturnal Walk," see the nocturnal creatures of the bush including Sugar Gliders, Bettongs and Sone-Curlews, listen to the many sounds of the night.

Day 2: A comfortable 4 WD Tour; we see many varieties of Spring Wildflowers, as well as birds & animals which inhabit the unique Little Desert Environment. We have lunch in the bush with "billytea". After dinner Whimpey will show a Video Presentation "Whimpey's World - Little Desert Flora & Fauna" with particular focus on the Malley Fowl bird. (An excellent video.)

Day 3: At 9.00am, after breakfast we depart for a tour of the Mallee Fowl Sanctuary, a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. A Light Lunch will be provided prior to our departure from the Lodge at 12 Noon. (I am currently checking another attraction)

This will be an excellent trip, with much of interest for all, and taken at a relaxed, leisurely pace.

LIST: At meeting on Wednesday 18th February.

**** I seek the support of our membership to ensure the success of these Tours.**

POSSIBLE TRIP TO CANBERRA - In either MAY or NOVEMBER, 2004

Tour based on Minimum of 35 to travel. Maximum (40)

**** A 5 Day/4 Night Tour at approx cost of \$500.00 per person (Twin Share)**

**** A Single Supplement of \$160 would apply if request for a room on own.)**

**** Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees and some Light Lunches.**

Available for your perusal at meeting on Wednesday 18th February

**** Two 5 Day/4 Night Canberra Tour Itineraries, (both of which may be altered or blended to suit.)**

**** LISTING: Seeking expressions of interest and preference for either a May or November Tour.**

**** It is important at this time that I know if there be sufficient support for a trip to Canberra.**

Tours Organiser: Arthur Phone 5443 9162

Habeas Corpus, A writ by which a man may be taken out of jail and asked how he liked it

Hammer. An instrument for smashing the human thumb.