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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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Today's guest speaker is Fay Thomas who will be speaking on Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease; also the Bendigo Competitions.

Our guest speaker in January was John McLean, the C.E.O. of the council of the City of Greater Bendigo. The introduction was made by President Alan who outlined the extensive and varied career episodes of the speaker. John started his talk with the surprising statements that the C.E.O. is the only employee of the Council; all the other officers and assistants are nominally employed by the C.E.O. - they all work for him.

The City Council is a big business, \$100 million a year, with 800 staff, and it is engaged in many activities, not just road maintenance and garbage collection. They provide such services as meals on wheels, provide staff at school crossings, and many others.

The City Council itself is the third tier of government, after the Commonwealth and State Governments, but it is different from both these, which have not only government parties but opposition parties; the Council is monolithic, at least in theory.

Regional cities, including Bendigo, collaborate and interact, and besides this Bendigo has contact with the regions, shires surrounding the city.

It is estimated that Bendigo will increase its population by 50% in the next 25 years, for instances Marong is expected the increase to 8000 in that time.

Bendigo Council has a four part "Community Vision" for the city.

1. It is surrounded by National Parks
2. Goldmining is its history and part of its future
3. It has local special interests of importance, notably the Bendigo Bank
4. Buddhism with its Ashram will draw visitors from outside the city

Barry O'Brien thanked the guest and made the usual presentation.

The Christmas Lunch was a success. The venue, the food and the service were great. Several people made welcome contributions to the proceedings, our regular recompanist, Norm Dack, leading the choir and the rest of us in carols. The proceedings went smoothly, helped by Bryan Armstrong and Barry O'Brien. Probably every couple received a prize, two of which were the gift of anonymous donors, much appreciated. This coming Christmas (still a long time away) similar offers will be appreciated.

HEALTH REPORT

John Petrusma is in hospital at the moment for a hip replacement, and as I write Norm Dack is undergoing surgery on his lower leg.

This month's meeting is the A.G.M. and at the time of writing there is no nomination for Vice President, which is disturbing. Nor have volunteers been forthcoming for other positions. Herb Hesse in particular wants to relinquish the post of Guest Speaker Organiser.

BOWLS

The team for the combined bowls day, February 17, 2005, Assembly 9.30 am for 10.15 am start, regulation dress, sectional play. One game of 12 ends, in the morning, 2 games of 10 ends after lunch, followed by afternoon tea and presentations.

LEAD	SECOND	THIRD	SKIP
E. Trewartha	R. Chenery	A. Court	J. Tate
M. MacDonald	W. Redmond	T. Bradley	K. Gloster
W. Winzar	Z. Hughes	P. Bath	F. O'Connell
R. Flanagan	L. Roy	T. Rhoderick	H. Hesse

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 Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on March 16, 2005 at 9.30 am 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 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/subscription for 2005/06
 - a. Joining fee (Present \$25 once only)
 - b. Annual Subscription (Present \$25)
 - c. Nominating Fee (Present \$25 once only)
 - d. Annual Nominee Fee (Present \$10)
 - e. Per Meeting Attendance (Present \$3)
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Appointment of Public Officer
9. Other business as directed by the President
10. 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

Bob Chenery (Secretary)



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO GIPPSLAND TOUR:

Tues 3rd May to Thurs 5th May, 2005. (3 Days/2Nights) Staying in Morwell.
Maximum: (46), **Cost based on Minimum of (35) Current Bookings:** (42)
Cost: \$250 per person, Twin Share. (If single room requested Single Supplement \$60)

Includes: *All coach Travel, Dinner, Bed, Continental Breakfast & Lunches, Some drinks, All Entrance Fees, Local Tour Guide & Devonshire Tea on Day (3)*

Day 1: Tuesday 3rd May 2005 *We travel via the Princes Highway, stop at Bunyip for M/T then on to Criterion Hotel at Trafalgar for a "Special Lunch" with a Cooking demonstration which you will enjoy. Wine, juice, tea, coffee included. Here we meet our Guide Val Murphy and tour the Potato farming area of Thorpdale with a visit to Val's Garden where we taste her speciality Potato Ice Cream. From here on to Morwell where we stay for the next two nights.*

Day 2: Wednesday 4th May. *Our first visit is to the historic gold mining town of Walhalla where we take a Scenic Ride on the Goldfield's Railway Train through fern tree gullies enjoying the beauty of the bush and river scenery. We then enjoy a Picnic lunch after which we continue touring the Walhalla area, with a stopover in Erica. Dinner tonight is at Moe after which we return to our Motel for a night of fun and games (organised by our guide Val.)*

Day 3: Thursday 5th May. *After a nice breakfast we begin our journey homewards. Our first port of call to the beautiful gardens in Morwell after which we travel to Mirboo North and visit the "Erinea" Lavender Farm where we have a guided tour of the gardens, drying sheds and enjoy Beverley's home made and grown Devonshire tea. We have a 2 Course Lunch at the Mirboo North Hotel. Time permitting we will visit the Narracan Water Falls. Then homeward bound arriving Bendigo late afternoon.*

After such an excellent Canberra Trip the travellers on that trip requested I organise a 3 Day/2 Night Trip "suited to the needs of our mature age group" with our Coach Captain to be the popular and caring Neville

List: *Tabled Wed 19th Jan. Also available meeting Wed 16th Feb I seek your support.*
Vacancies: (4)

Deposits: *Of \$5.00 per person required at Meeting Wed 16th February.*

Balance of Payments: *Due at meeting Wednesday 16th March.*

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