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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, Melvor Rd, Bendigo.

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The speaker for the February meeting will be Adam Smilack Project Officer of Green Gym (In Lieu of working out at a regular Gym).

The first meeting of the New Year was well attended with quite a few ladies and two visitors present. Ray Fitzgerald our Bowls Manager introduced his daughter Robyn and her husband David Peile to the members. With the aid of computerized slides etc., they described in great details regarding their "Life on the ocean waves", sailing in and around the island of the South Pacific, meeting with yachting groups and mixing with the native population.

Their yacht is named Maajhi-Ra and was obtained through the Internet and purchased in New Zealand. It is 44' 7" in length with a Draught of 6'9", made from fibreglass and is American designed. It is equipped with radar and GPS., but they rely heavily on paper charts for navigation. Bryan Armstrong thanked the speakers, and made the usual presentation on behalf of the members.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

The speaker for our April Meeting will be a speaker from Bendigo Community Care, which relates to services available to senior residents living independently in their own home, this subject should be a major benefit to many of our members.

Please try to attend.

- Barry, O'B.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

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 the above was given in last months "Probe", together with appropriate nomination form; further copies are available from the 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 Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Inc. will be held on the 19th March 2008 at 10.00am 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. (Club's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure)
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 2008/09
 - (a) Joining Fee (At Present \$0; previously \$25 once only)
 - (b) Annual Subscription (At Present \$25)
 - (c) Nominating Fee (At Present \$0; previously \$25 once only)
 - (d) Annual Nominee Fee (At Present \$0; previously \$10)
- (e) Per Meeting Attendance Fee (At Present \$3)
7. Election of Auditor
8. Election of Public Officer
9. Other business as directed by the President
10. Close of A.G.M.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING TO FOLLOW CLOSURE OF A.G.M.

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

Bob Chenery (Secretary)

Foundation Members Luncheon

We went to the One Tree Hill Hotel in Spring Gully for December Luncheon. The attendance was good; eleven of us enjoyed the meal and the occasion.

This month we will meet at the Reservoir Hotel in Condon Street.

- Pres. Alec

Special Thanks to Arthur Cowling

After 12 years of printing the address labels for our Probus Bulletin on his computer, Arthur feels it is time somebody else put their hand up. The good news is that Arthur has been approached by two members willing to help and at this stage Max Shipp is assisting Arthur. Thank you both.

- Editor

Presidents Comments:

It is very annoying to find, when you think you have made a discovery, finding a great truth about life, to find that someone else has not only made the discovery before you but has also gone into print and published his find. This was my fate recently to find myself forestalled by none other than Ogden Nash the American Doctor. The great truth he unearthed was, in his own words: Middle Age is when you have met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else. It leads me to wonder how many people I have met, leaving an image in my memory waiting to be recalled when encountering a double and creating a puzzle to nag at me.

- Pres. Alec

Useless Information:

- The average person speaks about 31,500 words a day.
- Eighty two percent of the world's population believe in an after life.
- During conscription or World War II there were nine documented cases of men with three testicles.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up in the sky.
- Crack gets in name because it crackles when you smoke it.
- Buckingham Palace has over 600 rooms.
- You should not eat a crayfish with a straight tail, it was dead before it was cooked.
- During your lifetime you will eat 60,000 pounds of food, the weight of six elephants.
- The original name for butterfly was the flutterby.

- Editor

Snippets

Young violinist Rose Onans who played at our Christmas luncheon, achieved eight honours and one high distinction in her year 10 exams, and in so doing was awarded Dux of year 10 at Castlemaine High School.

- Barry, O'B.

At our last meeting Arthur Eaton introduced two visitors namely Charlie and Joyce Tamblyn. Hopefully Arthur can entice Charlie to become a Probus member.

- Editor

BOWLS DAY

Ray Fitzgerald informed the meeting that the next day will be at Woodbury on April 8th. Further details later.

- Editor

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO MEMBERS/PARTNERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN:

A Sandhurst Probus Club: Smeaton – Blampied Coach Tour. Tues 18th March

Cost: \$35.00 per person. Includes Coach, M/Tea, Buffet Luncheon

Depart: Strath Community Ctre Car Park, Crook St. 8.30am.

Home approx 5.15pm.

Highlights of Tour: Smeaton: M/tea & chat with local historian Jack Sewell. Inspection by guide of the Andersons Historic Mill, Lunch at Captains Creek Organic Wines, in Blampied, with a talk on "Organic Farming." A stroll in the township of Daylesford, BYO A/Tea. Copy of Itinerary at meeting.

LIST/PAYMENTS: At our meeting Wed 20th February.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - 5 DAY LAKES ENTRANCE / MERIMBULA TOUR

MONDAY 12th – FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 2008

Maximum (48) (Minimum of: 35)

COST/Person (Twin Share) Min: (35) \$545.00 (40) \$525.00.

Single Suplmt:\$115

***INCLUDED: ALL COACH TRAVEL, DINNER,BED & COOKED
BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA ON 2 DAYS, ALL LUNCHESES &
ENTRANCE FEES AS PER ITINERARY***

The following (40) Expressions of Interest & Bookings have been received:

B.Armstrong (1), G.Bloomfield (1), I.Bennett (1), N.Bruhn (2), W.Clemens (2), A.Cowling (2), R.Chenery (1), A.Crothers (2), Joyce Davies (2), A.Eaton (1), K.Gloster (2), F.Himsworth (1), Z.Hughes (2), E.Jenkins (1), D.Laity (2), R.Michell (1), M.Miller (1), B. Mc.Grath (2), P.Randall (1), T.Roberts (1), C.Slade (2), (H.Ward (1), J.White (1), W.Winzar (1), Y.Wallace (1), O.Fadersen (1), Jean Vincent (1), Alex Hunter (1), M.Davies (1) K.Livingston (1) (This may be Arthur's last trip – don't miss out.)

Please confirm your bookings at meeting Wed. 20th Feb.

PAYMENTS: Wed 19th March.

I seek your support to ensure this trip is a success. Friends of Probus Welcome.

ITINERARY:

MONDAY 12th (L,D)

Depart 8.30am Strath Community Centre Car Park Crook Street. We leave Bendigo @ 8.30am as we begin the journey South. We will stop at the Organ Pipes National Park for morning tea before continuing on to Yarragon for lunch.

We then continue along the Princes Highway travelling through Morwell, Sale & Bairnsdale then on to Paynesville and Metung before arriving in Lakes Entrance for the night. **R.S.L. Glenara Motel 03 5155 1555**

TUESDAY 13th (B,L,D)

We depart Lakes Entrance this morning and travel to Eden. Once we arrive in Eden, our first stop will be lunch before travelling to South East Fibre Exports where we will be given a tour from the coach of the chipmill. Following this we will head to Boyd's Tower which was constructed in the 1840's and used as a whale watching lookout. Next we will visit nearby Boydtown where the historic Seahorse Inn still stands, dating back to 1843. From here, we visit the Killer Whale Museum to get a comprehensive account of the whaling era. Our last stop will be Rotary Park where we will have the opportunity to look out over Twofold Bay before heading to the Black Dolphin Motel where we will be greeted by the friendly staff and enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne in the bar followed by dinner. **Black Dolphin Motel in Merimbula 02 6495 1500**

WEDNESDAY 14th (B,L,D)

After a buffet style cooked breakfast, we take a short trip to Tathra where we visit the Wharf and stop at the Dried Fruit Shop to taste some of their gourmet dried fruits, and then we head to Bega, home of the famous "Bega Cheese". At the factory you can view the cheese making process and sample the many varieties of cheeses. Next we stop at Cobargo, followed by Central Tilba where the entire township was classified by the National Trust, to preserve the historic character. We then head back to the motel where we can relax before enjoying a four course dinner in the restaurant.

THURSDAY 15th (B,L,D)

After breakfast we visit Kameruka Estate, one of Australia's most unique and beautiful properties, which was established in the 1800's. Following this, we will travel to Eden where we will board the "Cat Balou" and enjoy lunch and a cruise of Twofold Bay. We then take a short trip back to Merimbula to view some of the local sights including Short Point, Bar Beach and the Merimbula Wharf, before having the opportunity to shop or just browse around Merimbula. We will then return to the motel to rest and relax before drinks and dinner in our restaurant.

FRIDAY 16th (B,L)

After breakfast in the restaurant and goodbye's to our new found friends at the Black Dolphin Motel, we begin the return journey to Bendigo with happy memories of a great holiday.

Enquiries for any of the trips please contact Arthur Eaton: Phone 5443 9162

A Biblical Story

God said, "Adam,
I want you
To do something for me."
Adam said, "Gladly, Lord, what do you want me to do?"
God said, "Go down into that valley."
Adam said, "What's a valley?"
God explained it to him.
Then God said, "Cross the river."
Adam said, "What's a river?"
God explained that to him, and then said, "Go over to the hill..."
Adam said, "What's a hill?"
So, God explained to Adam what a hill was.
He told Adam, "On the other side of the hill you will find a cave"
Adam said, "What's a cave?"
! After God explained, he said, "In the cave you will find a woman."
Adam said, "What's a woman?"
So God explained that to him, too.
Then, God said, "I want you to reproduce."
Adam said, "How do I do that?"
God first said (under his breath), "Geez..."
And then, just like everything else, God explained that to Adam, as well.
So, Adam goes down into the valley, across the river, and over the hill,
Into the cave, and finds the woman. Then, in about five minutes, he was back.
God, his patience wearing thin, said angrily, "What is it now?"
And Adam said
"What's a headache?"

- *Rupert R.*

Purina Dog Chow

Yesterday I was buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for Hershey, our wonder dog, at Wal-Mart and was about to check out. A woman behind me asked if I had a dog. On impulse, I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, and that I was starting the Purina Diet again. Although I probably shouldn't because I'd ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry and that the food is nutritionally complete so I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in the line was by now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no; I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's tail and a car hit us both. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard! Walmart won't let me shop there anymore!!!

- *Rupert R.*