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

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Privacy information - Information given is kept private and confidential and may only be used within the confines of Probus and shall not be used for any other purpose.

The Guest Speaker for February Meeting will be Ted Rankin.
Subject - Bendigo Perspective.

The Speaker at the January Meeting was one of our foundation Members Ken Gloster, who gave a very comprehensive talk on his life in Underbool and how his family established the town electricity supply, which also maintained the town water supply. The Gloster business also ran the school bus service and conducted a large freezing works, producing ice and chilling of rabbits for export. Ken took his turn as president / Secretary of many public and sporting organizations, with athletics his main interest. He also played football with the Underbool and was president for 10 years. Also best and fairest six times, he captained the premiership team in 1955. Ken also spoke about his time working in Melbourne and his association with the communist party. He has every "Probe" from day one and emphasized the importance of keeping records on you and your family's history. Rupert Reynolds made the usual presentation.

- Editor

BENDIGO PROBUS CLUB

The club, like all Probus clubs, was sponsored by Rotary as a "Community Service Program" and has a proud history of providing the opportunity for retirees to meet in circumstances which provide companionship and intellectual stimulus.

Probus clubs gain accreditation from their sponsoring Rotary organization by adopting the standard Probus Club Constitution (as amended from time to time). Club officers are required to be familiar with the Constitution and the Bendigo Club's by laws. Our Probus club is self governing and (within the limits of the constitution) is free to conduct its own affairs as it sees fit. Probus has dignity and status within the community, and fellowship and friendship are the foundations on which the club is built.

**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: 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. Further blank forms available from Secretary.

Notice is hereby given as follows:

The Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated will be held on 18th March 2009 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 Balance Sheet).
4. Election of Executive Officers:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - (c) Treasurer (Ken Coles will retire)
 - (d) Secretary
5. Election of 5 Committee Members.
6. Determine fees/subscriptions for 2009/10
 - (a) Joining Fee (Present Nil)
 - (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 (Geoff Biles will retire)
8. Appointment of Public Officer (Ken Coles will retire)
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)

Birthday Wishes

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months..

February 2009

02	Tom Roberts	88
04	Nigel Christie	64
08	Cyril Slade	87
18	John Hardy	85
25	Cliff Neivandt	83
26	Ken Proud	88

March 2009

02	Peter Randall	75
17	John Sanderson	85
23	Ray Fitzgerald	87
23	Jim Harrison	87
25	Jim Aitken	84

Congratulations to all the above.

Note: If you do not wish for your birthday to be published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

Members Profile No 2 - Arthur David Cowling O.A.M.



Born in 1919, Arthur is the son of the late Algar Cowling, partner in the firm of W.Cowling, which for many years sold Ford Motor vehicles as well as operating a successful farm machinery and grain store business in Bendigo. Educated at Quarry Hill and Bendigo High Schools, Arthur commenced his working life with his father as an assistant in the H.V. McKay Depot for farm and spare parts. He was studying accountancy when World War II intervened and he joined the infantry in the army, promotion followed and he became a captain in the Australian Intelligence Corps specializing in the analysis of enemy order of battle. When the war was over he

went back to his former job, but eventually transferred to the Ford business selling tractors, farm machinery, trucks and passenger vehicles. In 1969 the firm sold its properties and Arthur joined Provincial Motors who then held the Ford Franchise. A year later he was appointed manager truck and tractor division at Epsom and eventually managed the Ford tractor outlet of Eclipse Motors at the Palms Epsom. It was immediately after the war when Y.M.C.A. took a strong opinion on his life – he became a member of the Y's Men's Club of Bendigo and served as an active member of the Y.M.C.A. and Y's Men's Club for 63 years, filled most positions at the local club level including, President, Secretary and Treasurer to move to the wider field of the International Body and receive the movement's highest honour "The Harry M Ballantyne Award of Merit". Arthur became World President in 1992 and has served on many of Y's Men International committees.

In 1993 he was honored with an O.A.M. for services to the Y.M.C.A. and Y's Men International. Married to wife Clarice, he has four children by his former wife Norma who died 32 years ago, between them Arthur and Clarice have 16 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren. Arthur regularly attends Probus meetings.

- Editor

- Photo by Rupert R.

Foundation Members Luncheon

The luncheon this year first will be held at the Belmont Hotel in Skene Street. This will be on the 18th February at 12.30pm as usual, we hope to see all our regular customers, foundation members and later recruits. If you cannot make it please let us know. Telephone: 5443 2642

- Thank you

Presidents Piece - As time goes by

The older man gets, the further he had to walk to school as a boy. - *Harry Brightman*

As busy as things are now, tomorrow they will be somebody's good old days. - *Gerald Barzan*

Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. - *Lord Asquith*

On recounting sporting performance, the older I get, the better I used to be. - *Peter Ward*

Probus Rendezvous Perth Sept 13th – 18th 2009

A number of Perth Hotels have announced reduced room rates for this gathering.
September is a great time for wildflowers in W.A. and the weather is delightful.

– Rupert R

Useless Information

- Dolphins jump out of the water to conserve energy, as it is easier to move through the air than through water.
- The only person to play golf on the moon was Alan Shepard, they never found the ball.
- The sinking of the German Vessel Wilhelm Gustloff is the greatest sea disaster of all time, close to 8,000 people drowned
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will stop you crying.
- During the Depression banks used sellotape to mend torn currency.
- If you lave your shoes from the inside to the outside the fit will be snugger around your big toe.
- Koalas and humans are the only animals with unique prints, Koala prints cannot be distinguished from human fingerprints.

- Editor

PA System

Dear Bob,

This is the final bit of paperwork that goes with the grant for the PA system, If you think it is ok please sign on the dotted line and post off to the council. I was very pleased with Wednesday's meeting, especially the sound from the lapel microphone. The hand held mic was good too, and I guess we will just have to get used to handing a mic to people speaking from the audience or asking questions.

Max has gone to a lot of trouble to get things right, and I think he should get a mention in Probe for the work he has done in getting to grips with an unfamiliar system, and organizing it the way he has. With a bit of luck it should be possible to get it simplified to the stage where it is as easy to set up as the old system was, while still retaining the versatility that is inherent in having a mixer. (more on that later).

Hoepfully we won't hear any more from the Hall Management!!

Regards, Rupert R.

SMILE TIME

(From a Christmas bon-bon)

Question: Why can't penguins fly?

Answer: Because they are too short to qualify to become a pilot.

Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2009/2010

I would like to nominate the following person/s for the 2009/2010 Committee.

POSTION	NOMINEE'S NAME (please print)	NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE (Nominees Signature)
PRESIDENT		
VICE-PRESIDENT		
TREASURER		
SECRETARY		
COMMITTEE (Five positions)	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
AUDITOR		
PUBLIC OFFICER		

Above Members nominated by:

Above Members seconded by:

Note: Completed nomination forms **MUST** be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 11th March, 2009 (seven days prior to the A.G.M.).

VOLUNTEERS may also be required for some of the following positions: (please circle which ever position you would prefer).

Guest Speaker Organiser "Probe" Editor Welfare Officer/s

"Badger"

Tour & Trips Organiser Historian Welcoming Officers

Volunteer/s "Thanks to Guest Speakers".

Additional blank copies of this nomination form are available from the Secretary upon request.

Bob Chenery (Secretary)