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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Greetings to all our Probians as we start a new year. June and I trust your holidays, where ever you went, or what- ever you did, were enjoyable, happy, safe and every one had a wonderful time. We look forward to you all being with us for another great year, so that we can enjoy your company. It was particularly pleasing to welcome Dennis, Judy, Jeanette and Margaret as guests at our January meeting and we look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

It is very gratifying to watch our club grow and improve both member wise and financially, and to keep this momentum going we must all become more involved in the workings of the club. I would like to see more of the younger club members get more involved with committees and other roles, bringing new idea on line.

To all those members going on trips, and outings through the year I wish for you a wonderful time and be safe.

Regards and Thanks
President Ray Fitzgerald

Guest Speaker

John Cartwright was our guest speaker for January. He is a retired Optometrist, having practised in Bendigo for many years. To qualify as an optometrist today one must complete 7 years of study at Melbourne University. The eye is probably the most sophisticated and complex organ in the body.

With the aid of slides, John explained the structure and function of each part of the eye. We learnt how we see in the daylight and the dark, how we see colours, what is the blind spot, why and how we blink, why it is usually men that are colourblind and how cataracts are formed and removed. John gave information on diseases of the eye, like macular degeneration and the effect of diabetes and glaucoma.

It was a very interesting and informative talk and it was continued when John and Ann, his wife, joined some of us for lunch. Dorothy Crothers

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

I will be away on the Pacific Islands Cruise from 5th Feb to 21st Feb and VP Noel Bruhn will be Acting Secretary in my absence. Noel can be contacted at 6, Curtin Street, Tel 54425313 email bevandnoel2@bigpond.com. I also can be contacted be email during this period.

Attached to this Probe you will find the official notice and Agenda of our AGM as required by our Constitution. On the reverse you will find a copy of the updated standing resolutions which can be pasted into your copy of the Statement of Purposes and Rules and Standing Resolutions.

As I go to print I have already received nominations for all the Executive and Committee positions, (this does not stop any others being received by the Feb meeting at the latest). I also am very pleased to report that volunteers have been found for all slots with the exception of the Guest Speaker Organiser, which is a fairly easy role as Ern has already got several bookings for this coming year. We have even managed to find THREE volunteers to take over from Arthur on Tours and Trips ☺

There will be at least two new members inducted at the February meeting and that could rise to a possible **seven**, if not Feb then in the immediate future!! In the coming months I fully expect a number of visiting potential new members so please ensure that they are made most welcome to our Club by having a chat with each and every one.

The AGM and March General Meeting will take a slightly different format this year and I hope to have **both** completed by 11am, which will allow us an extended Fellowship session before the Members Luncheon. The masonic ladies will have been advised of the later tea/coffee time.

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next will be Thursday 9th February at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!
Come and join the laughter and chatter!!

LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.

Luncheon after the February meeting (approx. 12.30pm) will be held at The RSL Club, Havilah Road. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending , so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

LONERS GROUP

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Again due to popular demand put Sunday 4th March 9 a.m. in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. No excuses as this gives you PLENTY notice ☺
List available at February meeting.**

COMPUTING WORKSHOP & COMPUTING FOR RAW BEGINERS: In recess until late March. Mike is still available for computer help if needed, however not between Sunday 5th Feb and Tuesday 21st Feb.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.
2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.
2012 Jan 52;

LETS MAKE FEBRUARY SIXTY + !!!!!!!!

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !

FEBRUARY

4th Nigel Christie
18th John Hardy
25th Graham Osborne
26th Ken Proud

MARCH

2nd Peter Randall
17th John Sanderson
23rd Ray Fitzgerald
25th Jim Aitken

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery

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The City of Greater Bendigo invites you to attend '**Achieving respect and gender equality in Greater Bendigo**' forum and workshop being held in Bendigo on 22 February 2012 at The Capitol Theatre, 9.00am to 4.30pm. This forum and workshop is forming part of the community engagement to be held to develop the City of Greater Bendigo Violence Prevention Plan. Please note registration closes on 13 February 2012 and places are limited so get in quick . Contact Romina Lougoon on 54346079.



**COMBINED TOUR – SPRING GULLY PROBUS – PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO
TRIP TO BACCHUS MARSH – THURSDAY 15TH MARCH, 2012**

**** Some vacancies are still available for Probus Club of Bendigo.**

Depart: 8.45am. From: Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park Crook St. **Return home: 5.30pm Approx.**
Cost: Est. \$25/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Morning Tea, and a Picnic Lunch. Tea, Coffee, soft drinks and fruit will also be supplied. Note: The price reduction to \$25/person

A Local Guide: will join the Coach and take us to see some of the many interesting sights of the area and the town, and tell us stories of the past.

(7) Bookings have been received from and secured for:

Ian Bennett (1), Clare Bird (1), Jeanette Clark (1), Ailsa Coghlan (1), Norm Gillies (1), Jean Goodrich (1), Judy Lindsay (1)

PAYMENTS: Are due: At meeting 15th February, 2012 **** Please tender correct amounts.**

Enquiries to: Arthur Eaton Phone: **5443 9162**

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Tours Organiser: Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162

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“Lonely for my Land”.



Saturday 14th April 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. at The Bendigo Club

Come and hear gifted speaker and author, Tish Lees. She gives a fascinating story of her life and times on a Pilbara property prior to the domination by massive industrial development and the second largest DWT port in Australia – which was built on their property. Her family owned the property from 1929 until 1966 and ran it as a sheep station.

Entry will be by gold coin donation at the door, however Members are invited to have a meal beforehand at the Club, 6.00pm, at own cost. Names for both the talk and the meal will be taken at both the February and March meetings. This is a Probus Club of Bendigo event organised by our Guest Speaker Organiser, Ern, who just could not fit Tish in at one of our meetings! Friends, partners and other Probians most welcome.

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattann's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used: (Sing It!) - If you sing it, its especially hysterical!!!

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.
Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things...

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunk frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

MINUTES OF THE 288th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 18th January 2012

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair. VP Noel Bruhn Acting Secretary

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 48 members and 4 guest (G Post) attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 34 members: J. Aitken, G. Bloomfield, B. Bruhn, B & T. Chenery, N. Christie, B. Clemens, A. Cowling, N. Dack, A. Fisher, J. Fitzgerald, B. Hall, J. Hardy, B. Hargrave, Z. Hughes, J. Kelly, M. McDonald, C. Mclean, R. Michell, I. Nixon, G. Osborne, B. Perrin, L. Roy, A. Ryall, J. Sanderson, B. Smith, J. Stephens, L. Stork, C. Thomson, P. Thornton, J. Wallace, H. Ward, R. Watkins, D. Watt.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Act. Secretary, seconded by C. Adams, Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: The advertising was confirmed at the last Committee Meeting and the 1st advert was in The Advertiser last Saturday and the next will be in Thursdays Miner. The results are encouraging as we have four of the respondents at today's meeting. No radio slot has been organised as yet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- IN:**
- a. PAV Delegates meeting Minutes from November.
 - b. Xmas Card from Wendy Lovell MP
 - c. PSPL Annual return forms to be completed after AGM and returned before 30th April.
 - d. 7 newsletters from other Probus Clubs.
- OUT:**
- a. Copies of January Probe to all 5 of our sponsoring Rotary Clubs and final effort by sending to all residents at Bendigo Domain Village.
 - b. Letter to editor of Advertiser re article in the previous Saturdays paper.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Acting Secretary seconded by Ern Holland. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Secretary Mike advised that the President of Golden Square Probus phoned re his letter to editor. She was anxious that we be made aware of the policy of their Club which is to advise any member seeking membership and having to go on their waiting list that there are other Clubs in Bendigo with vacancies.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement from 1st November to 31st December 2011 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$658.57) (Total Expenditure \$349.99) Account Balance \$1965.34
Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$2070.00) (Total Expenditure \$2177.50) Account Balance \$2464.87
Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$1680.21 Deposit a/c 2750.00

The financial report as distributed was received and approved. Moved by the Treasurer, seconded Ern Holland, carried.

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall gave an update on those of our members currently on the sick list, Rob Watkins in particular is struggling.

President Ray: Welcomed members back and felt that all things looked for the future of our Club in this New Year.

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reported that the last luncheon had an attendance of 22 and she had booked for 24 this month at the RSL. Next month the luncheon will be at the Bendigo Club.

Loners Group ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm. He reported that the group has a great record on winning Seafood Vouchers, Meat Trays and even the Members \$500 draw.

Computing Workshop/Probe/Website MIKE WATT advised that the February Probe would be posted out no later than Friday 3rd Feb and requested entries for the Probe to be in his hands as soon as possible. Computer classes in recess until probably March however Mike would still be available to members with computer problems/questions except between 5th Feb and 21st Feb. During that period he will still be able to receive and reply to emails.

Coffee/Chat Group and Badger Mike Watt on behalf of Denise reported that 17 members attended the Beechworth Bakery on THURSDAY 11th January. The next one will be *Thursday 9th February 10.30am at The Beechworth Bakery*. Denise is looking into the possibility of changing the venue to The Boardwalk now that it is in new ownership but will advise after she has tried it out personally. Mike also advised members that the next Sunday Breakfast is to be held on *Sunday 4th March at The All Seasons, only \$12 for a full Buffet Breakfast*.

Tours/Trips Report ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Full details in Probe. Arthur announced that he had recruited Ailsa Coghlan to chair the tours and trips this coming Probus year and Collin Adams had also agreed to join. Arthur has to talk to one other member with a view to him joining that group as he (Arthur) wants a very well deserved rest. Arthur moved "that all tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On behalf of the Committee it was moved by The Secretary and Seconded by Ken Gloster that the following Standing resolutions be adopted. Carried.

1. **Standing Resolution 6. Brian McGrath is appointed Public Officer (16th March 2011) be rescinded and replaced with: "The Secretary of the Club is appointed Public Officer".**
2. **A new Standing Resolution 11: "The Cheque signatories of the Club are authorised to use internet banking, for payment of accounts, however still requiring any two to authorise."**
3. **Standing Resolution 11 (16th June 2010) be renumbered Standing Resolution 12**

Members were reminded that under our constitution it is a requirement that nominations for next Year's office bearers be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the February 15th General Meeting.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards.

CLOSE: There being no further business, President RAY declared the meeting closed at 10-35 am.

CONFIRMED.....President 15th February 2012

You may have seen some of these before but, if like me you are getting on in years, you'll probably have forgotten that!

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible - *George Burns*

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - *Socrates*

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - *Groucho Marx*

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - *Jimmy Durante*

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - *Zsa Zsa Gabor*

Only Irish coffee provides in one glass all 4 essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - *Alex Levine*

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - *Rodney Dangerfield*

Money can't buy you happiness But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - *Spike Milligan*

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was **SHUT UP**. - *Joe Namath*

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon .. Then it's time for my nap. - *Bob Hope*

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.. - *W. C. Fields*

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - *Will Rogers*

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - *Winston Churchill*

Maybe it's true that life begins at 50. But all else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.. - *Phyllis Diller*

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. - *Billy Crystal*

FUNCTIONS OF PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Through the medium of quarterly delegates meetings held in February, May, August and November, representatives from member Clubs may meet and exchange ideas and information.

PAV also periodically publishes guides listing details of possible guest speakers and outings options as recommended by member Clubs. These guides are exclusive to Probus Clubs having current membership of PAV.

PAV also publishes "The Victorian Probian", a journal in newspaper format, which is supplied only to affiliated Clubs in quantities sufficient for the individual membership of each club. Currently, this journal enjoys a print run in excess of 27,000 copies. The journal includes

- Details of committee news
- Information on PSPL management matters
- Provides a forum for Club news with photos of Club events
- Offers a source of information on outings and travel options
- Allows individual Probians the chance to share personal stories

The Association's website is a more recent development and provides another means of disseminating news about Probus activities, both past and future. You are encouraged to view the webpages frequently so as to keep abreast of the latest happenings, and to make use of contacts on the links page. <http://www.probusvic.com.au/>

**Probus Association of Victoria 2012 Friendship Day
to be held on Wednesday 18th April 2012**

A Harness Racing Meeting at Maryborough Harness Racing Club, Chaplins Road, Carisbrook

Program will include hotel style Seniors Meals, Craft Stalls, Fashions on the Field, and a Banner Parade.

A package will be available to Probians attending. This will comprise Entry Fee, Race Book, Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Total cost \$30. If sufficient interest we could get a bus for a small additional fee.

**The Speaker for the 15th February is:-
Lyn Horsfall on the topic "Understanding Dementia"
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!
(No excuse now for not attending.)**

**Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Wednesday 29th February 2012**

Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
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