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PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INC.

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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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President GORDON wishes all members of Bendigo Probis Club a Very Happy New Year.

GUEST SPEAKER At our January Meeting will be Mr. Hugh Wheeler - a senior member of staff of Latrobe University College of Northern Victoria. Hugh will relate experiences from his recent trip to Papua - New Guinea.

Inducted to membership at our November meeting was LEN ROY. Len was introduced to members by OS WATSON and pinned and welcomed by President GORDON.

Matters of great importance are rarely passed on to your editor - but hear this - the November issue outlined the effect of inflation on our cuppa. The price rose from \$1.00 to \$1.50. At the November meeting we were advised that the 1991 cost will be \$2.00. Please be prepared - and as always have the correct change available for the "volunteers".

Members were advised of a number of changes to legislation relating to court procedures when we were addressed by TERRY NIHILL at the November meeting.

Before speaking of the changes, we were reminded that the Bendigo Court had a multi-jurisdiction function; it could hear cases at Supreme Court level as well as County Court and Magistrates Court. The workload for the latter Court being on the increase.

Changes to the court system came into effect on 1st. September, 1990. These include the abolition of Commissioners for Affidavits and a reduction in the role of Justices of the Peace to that of being signatories to a number of documents. J.P.'s can no longer set bail conditions - this must now be done by special Bail Justices. Difficulties were noted but not regarded as serious.

Improvements to our judicial system were said to include the establishment of Dispute Settlement Centres - established to solve minor problems outside courts - and the Child Support Agency. This Agency ensures that maintenance payments are made via the Australian Taxation Office - the responsibility is no longer with the courts.

Legislation re Family Violence was also seen as a benefit in that courts could now issue "Intervention Orders" to ensure that pressure was on an offender not to re-offend.

The establishment of the Sherriff's Office was also seen as beneficial in that police were no longer required to collect outstanding debts and fines. Sherriff's Officers were now required to perform these duties - less police time on minor matters.

Reference was also made to changes to "Drink-Driving" laws and to the closure of 41 courts throughout Victoria and the subsequent increase in the workload in the remaining courts.

On a lighter note we were advised of progress with the refurbishment of the local Law Courts. \$2,000,000 has been allocated and much work has been completed. However much is still to be done before the building's centenary in 1996.

After responding to questions relating to courts records and the work of jurors, we were reminded that the results of court hearings would never please everyone!

Terry was introduced by GRAHAM CHEATLEY and thanked by JIM AITKEN who made the usual presentation.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

TUESDAY MARCH 5TH. - "FILM MORNING AT R.L. CAMPBELL THEATRETTE" followed by B.B.Q. - STRATH COMMUNITY CENTRE PARK.

Film: "A World Apart" : 1988 Cannes Film Festival (one of year's best Films) "A high powered human drama superbly acted by Barbara Hershey.

Commencing : 9.45 a.m. (Film) : Castlemaine Probians & Wives will combine with us in this function.

Anticipated Cost : Film Only : \$3.00, B.B.Q. only : \$3.00
Film and B.B.Q. : \$6.00

LIST AT TODAY'S MEETING : Payments : at February meeting.

PLEASE NOTE : Date for this event was altered from that anticipated of 28 February to Tuesday, March 5th.

Further Coming Trips to Include :

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH. 1991 : "COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS PICNIC DAY AT
BENDIGO RACE COURSE"

A joint venture organised by the Combined Probus Clubs of :- Bendigo, Sandhurst, Bendigo Ladies and Eaglehawk. Invitations are being extended to Castlemaine, Echuca and Maryborough Probus Clubs to join in.

"ALL IS TO BE ON A 'BRING-YOUR-OWN' BASIS"

That is Foodstuffs, Drinks, own B.B.Q. utensils, etc.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE - An excellent venue, gates to open at 11.00 am approximately.

TUESDAY APRIL 23RD : TRIP TO MELBOURNE :

CONDUCTED TOUR OF "FOUR & TWENTY PIES"

Maximum to Travel (40) Estimated Cost Per Person : \$10.00 Includes Coach Fare, Conducted Tour of Four & Twenty (1½ hours) and afternoon tea comprising "Four & Twenty" products, plus Tea, Coffee, etc. Four & Twenty request : all be abled bodied, no walking sticks.

LISTING :to be tabled at February meeting. PAYMENTS :March meeting.

LATE MAY 1991 : Hope to arrange a trip comprising conducted tours of Radio Australia (Burwood) and Police Academy on same day (a/c Radio Australia can only take 23 maximum) on a Tour. Tours alternate : morning & afternoon.

WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH. : "THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SHOW"

Venue : "World Congress Centre - Melbourne". Refreshments available for purchase. Estimated Cost : Entry to Science Show : \$5.00, Coach Fare : \$8.00 approximately. Total per person : \$13.00.

**** Your thoughts please, we need to reserve tickets ****

Members who attended our CHRISTMAS DINNER should thank those involved with its organization. Although the meal was slightly delayed because of uncertainties about numbers, we all enjoyed excellent food, excellent company and excellent "Good Old Days" style entertainment. Special thanks to President Gordon and to Secretary/M.C. Bob.

Unfortunately I should advise our next President to prepare "reserved" signs for use by helpers. I have it on good authority that the careful placement of personal items is not sufficient to keep a pair of seats for helper and spouse.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held on 20th. March. All positions on the committee will be declared vacant at the meeting and members should consider all vacancies. A replacement Editor will definitely be required.

Also at that meeting members will be asked to approve the following By-Laws that are recommended by your current committee.

**BY-LAWS
of the**

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.

1. Any member of this Club who residentially transfers outside the Greater Bendigo Area and that member joins another Probus Club he shall not remain a member of this Club after his current financial membership expires.

(NOTE)... For the purposes of these by-laws The Greater Bendigo Area means the area within the City of Bendigo and its adjoining municipalities.

2. Future applications for members are not to be accepted by the Committee if the nominee is already a member of a Probus Club within the Greater Bendigo Area.

3. That a maximum Club membership limit be set at 100 persons.

(NOTE)... This presently applies.

4. If at any time a Waiting List of nominees for admission membership has to be established then :-

(a) Only the top 10 nominees will be allowed as a Club "privilege" to attend Club functions, etc., that the Committee may approve from time to time.

(b) All nominees for membership will require to pay :-

* Nominating Fee	\$10.00 (once only)
* Annual Nominee Fee	\$ 5.00

Both the above fees will become payable with application, and the Annual Nominee Fee again being due at each subsequent Annual General Meeting until in the course of time the nominee becomes a member.

(NOTE 1.) In the present circumstances (i.e. Nov. 1990) the Club has approximately 23 nominees on the waiting list. The Committee has decided to declare all nominees held by the Secretary to the close of 23rd. November 1990 as being within the "Top 10 Category".

(NOTE 2.) The above fees will apply to all nominees (both existing and future) on the Waiting List. Failure to pay these fees within three months of the due date will render the nominee's application null and void.

(c) All applications for membership accepted by the Committee will be recorded on the Waiting List strictly in order of receipt by the Secretary, provided applications are satisfactorily completed and accompany appropriate fees.

5. That the Secretary forward to the appropriate Rotary Probus Representative a copy of the Club's Waiting List at least once each 12 months for information indicating establishment demand for new Probus Clubs.

6. That no new by-law, or amendment or repeal of any existing by-laws shall be made, except at a regular meeting of the Club, in pursuance of notice given in writing to the Secretary at a previous regular meeting. Any new by-law, amendment or repeal shall only be passed if agreed by two-thirds of the Clubs's members present.