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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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The Speaker at our January Meeting is one of our own members, WALTER ASHBURN. Walter has recently been on a trip overseas and has chosen for his title "Observations Abroad".

There was no Guest Speaker in December, there was not a Meeting, instead we had a Christmas Dinner at the Club. The catering; the food, the service, were very good. The organisation due to the work of the Committee, in particular PRESIDENT BOB, was excellent. We were entertained during the evening first by solo singer VALERIE YOUNG, accompanied by WYNN JUNCK, and then by the EUROFEST CHOIR. Later we entertained ourselves by singing some of the good old carols, when we were led by GORDON GLOVER and CLARK JEFFREY. Finally, REG BROCK gave us a Christmas message in verse. The attendance as usual was more or less as large as the room could contain.

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REPORTS : For the account of the Snowy Mountains which follows, we are indebted to PETER GOODRICH.

Early - very early on Tuesday 12th. November, 44 intrepid souls departed by coach from Strathdale in the general direction of the Snowy Mountains. So commenced a most enjoyable, educational and entertaining tour.

Providence Lodge on the banks of Lake Eucumbene which was to be "home base" for the next six days, was in a lovely spot and provided good, clean, comfortable accommodation and very good meals.

Leaving home base next morning we visited Tumut 1 power station where we inspected the 18' dia. pipes which delivered the water to the turbines from hundreds of metres further up the mountain.

Our minds having struggled to imagine the enormous pressure of water being delivered to the turbines, we were then informed that in times of excess power in the electrical grid, power is fed back into the generators, which then act as huge motors to pump water back up the mountain to be stored and used again at periods of peak demand on electricity. When the Snowy Mountains Scheme was designed and built we were the "clever country" - all we have to do is get back to that type of thinking.

As we proceeded on and the mountains rose higher and the valleys grew steeper and deeper, (and I'm sure the road shrank in width) we realized just how rugged this terrain is and how incredibly difficult it must have been for the explorers and early settlers to "tame the bush".

As part of our education over the next few days we visited an apple processing plant, where we learnt that apples are produced at places other than Harcourt, a violet farm where we discovered that growing African Violets is easy, a broom factory where we made a clean sweep, a whip factory where some people discovered that whips tangle more easily than they crack, Cabramurra, the highest fully established town in Australia, where the views go on forever. Also our very capable guide and proprietor of Providence Lodge opened our eyes to the wide variety of wild flowers which bloom at that time of the year and improved our knowledge of conservation in the high country.

We travelled on the world's fastest 'cog railway' which runs in a dead straight tunnel for 4 kms and is at one place 550 mtrs. under the mountain peak. Fortunately for us quite deep snow had survived in protected areas and the latent child in some of us escaped and an attempt on the great toboggan chain record had to be made, resulting in 14 Probians and wives tobogganing down hill on 7 small plastic toboggans. I leave that picture to your wildest imagination. We decided not to stay at the top accommodation in Perisher Valley, which at high season, is \$10,000 per week.

Entertainment of an evening varied from competitions, to bingo, to crazy whist, to home videos and all were lots of fun, because everyone joined in the spirit of the event.

All the participants voted this Mini Holiday a great success with sincere thanks going to HOULDEN TOURS for good organization and a comfortable coach, JOHN our Coach Captain for safe trip, to our Hosts COL and EDITH for their hospitality and great meals, to GORDON GLOVER and BOB CHENERY for ensuring that we were never bored, and once again to ARTHUR EATON for sound effective planning and great weather (how does he do it?). Finally, thanks to Probus for being there to get us all together to have fun.

**BOWLS** : On December 4 Probus met Bendigo but went down 66 - 57. Probus' winning team was :-

A. COOPER, R. HOLMES, E. DRISCOLL, C. MICHELSEN

Bowls Teams to play Bendigo East on Thursday January 23rd. :-

- (a) L. ROSE, R. DOWNEY, E. HOGAN, W. WINZAR (S)
- (b) A. WILSON, V. MOYLE, J. MC COY, G. RAYSON (S)
- (c) C. JEFFREY, O. WATSON, R. FITZGERALD, K. GLOSTER (S)
- (d) E. DRISCOLL, R. HOLMES, A. COURT, A. EATON (S)

A performance of "THE GOOD OLD DAYS" at the Capital Theatre on December 15th. was enjoyed by a large Probus Group.

**TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :**

**THURSDAY 20TH. FEBRUARY, 1992 :**

**CASTLEMAINE PROBUS CLUB VISIT TO BENDIGO**

(Join with them for a Picnic Lunch all on B.Y.O. basis). The Castlemaine Probus Club will be on a conducted Tour of Bendigo on this day and desire that Bendigo Probus Club members and wives meet with them for a Picnic Lunch during their lunch break. ALL ON A B.Y.O. BASIS Location for Picnic Lunch - White Hills Gardens Time 12:00 Noon

**THURSDAY MARCH 12TH. 1992 : TRIP TO BALLARAT**

**"40TH. YEAR CELEBRATION BEGONIA FESTIVAL"**

A special program has been arranged for this day and includes 11:00 a.m. - take a trip down Memory Lane with Bobby Limb and Dawn Lake at the magnificently restored Her Majesty's Theatre.

1:00 p.m. - Lunch Time Concert in the glorious Botanic Gardens.

1:45 p.m. - (B.Y.O. Picnic Lunch)

1:45 -

3:00 p.m. - "An unique experience of Gardenfest" - view the famous floral carpet.

**Depart :** Strathdale Community Centre at 8:30 a.m. **Estimated Return**

**Home :** (5:00 - 5:30 p.m.) **Estimated Cost :** Approx. \$18.00/person and includes Coach Fare and all entrance fees. **\*\* A positive response is required** to obtain the greatly sought after bookings at Her Majesty's Theatre. **LIST TABLED :** January 15th. Meeting.

**PAYMENTS :** February 19th. Meeting (Maximum 49).

**SUNDAY MARCH 22ND. 1992 : TRIP TO ECHUCA**

**COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS PICNIC**

**Location :** Harness Racing Club - Echuca. Following a popular and successful "Combined Probus Clubs Picnic" held at Bendigo last March, Echuca Probus Club have organised another for Sunday March 22nd., commencing at approximately 11:00 a.m. **ALL FOODS ARE ON A B.Y.O. BASIS.** Echuca have advised that Trestle Tables, Hot Water, Tea, Coffee, Sugar and a Large B.B.Q. will be made available. Suggest you bring along your own drinking vessels, small folding table and folding chairs. Entertainment and Sing Alongs have been arranged, it will be a great day for fellowship and enjoyment - be in the fun - book early. **Depart :** Strath Community Centre at 9:15 a.m. **Arrive Home :** Approx. 5:50 p.m. **\*\* LIST TABLED** January Meeting. **PAYMENTS :** February 19th. Meeting. **COST** Approx. \$7.50 Coach Fare.

**TRIP OF THE YEAR** : 8 Days/7 Nights "FLINDERS RANGES/ROXBOROUGH DOWNS"  
 Possible date departure : Mid September. I hope to have details to present to January Meeting, with listing for February Meeting. As accommodation in area is in great demand, I would need to make a decision at February Meeting - kindly give it some thought.

ARTHUR EATON TRIPS LIAISON

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE** : Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 18th. March, 1992.

All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the Meeting and members are invited to apply to join the 92/93 Committee.

Nomination forms are enclosed within this issue of "Probe". Completed forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 11th. March, (seven days prior to the A.G.M.).

Further blank copies of the form are available from the Secretary upon request.

BOB CHENERY SECRETARY

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INCORPORATED**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS 1992/93**

I would like to nominate the following person/s for the 92/93 Committee.

| POSITION                       | NOMINEE'S NAME<br>(Please Print) | NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE<br>(Nominees Signature) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| PRESIDENT                      |                                  |  |
| VICE-PRESIDENT                 |                                  |  |
| TREASURER                      |                                  |  |
| SECRETARY                      |                                  |  |
| COMMITTEE<br>(Seven Positions) | 1.                               |  |
|                                | 2.                               |  |
|                                | 3.                               |  |
|                                | 4.                               |  |
|                                | 5.                               |  |
|                                | 6.                               |  |
|                                | 7.                               |  |
| AUDITOR                        |                                  |  |

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 1992 (seven days prior to the A.G.M.).

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Bob Chenery (Secretary)