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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.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

The Speaker for our first meeting of the year is Chief Superintendent Frank Fox who will speak about "Police and the Community".

At our last meeting, in November the Guest Speaker, Bruce Heider, and his projectionist Maurice Body, were introduced by myself. The subject Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Bruce has been working in this field for 25 years, but the history of guide dogs is much longer than this. As early as the 17th Century guide dogs were used in France and probably else where.

More recently, in the 1914-18 War and immediately afterward, the need became increased; and in Germany, France and Switzerland there was increasing and systematic use made of guide dogs. The movement extended to the U.S., and in 1933 to England.

The movement came later to Australia, first by a Perth W.A. man, who was blind himself and went to England to study, then came back and began the movement. The Western Australia government was the innovator in Australia, and this gave rise, in 1957, to a national organisation for training dogs.

The Victorian Government in 1958 gave land in Kew to establish a training scheme and it is now the national

headquarters for the Royal Association.

At this point we were shown a film "Born To Lead" showing stages in the training of the dogs. It was interesting to see that some of the training of some of the dogs is carried out by prisoners at Beechworth Gaol. Later the dogs are billeted with families for a further stage.

One of the families involved is that of Bruce Heider, and would you believe Bruce takes his dogs to church. This serves to accustom them not only to the presence of people in large numbers but also to listening to music without the dogs attempting to join in and sing when accompanying their eventual partners to concerts and so on.

The Association began its own breeding programme in the 1960's. One problem this programme attempts to solve is to eliminate the possibility of an allergy being developed in the recipient. To this end a cross between a labrador and a poodle has been developed, called a "labradoodle". They have gone further and produced a "double doodle" the offspring of two labradoodles.

The Association has produced a specialised harness, designed not only to control the dog (and the owner) but to alert the master to the movement of the dog, for instance when the dog signals a pause for traffic, or is descending from the pavement to the roadway.

The Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Association is, of course non profit making and provides the trained dogs free of charge to the recipient.

TRIP TO MELBOURNE 25TH OCTOBER:

The Sensor Vision Theatre certainly vividly produced what was promised. The wide screen kept the eyes busy with the graphic presentation of a journey through 50,000 years of Australian history, while the appeal to the other senses brought each viewer right in to the action - a remarkable experience to smell the gun powder at Eureka Stockade and the pungency of the burning gum trees during a bush fire.

Some what quieter and more relaxing was the boat trip up the Yarra while a commentary by the pilot brought the passing scenery to its full significance as we passed by.

It was surprisingly interesting to hear that much of the course of the river has been changed over the years to over come flood problems.

TRIPS INFORMATION cont.:

THURSDAY/FRIDAY MARCH 10TH/11TH 1994 - TRIP DENILIQUIN - BOONOKE - 2 Day/1 Night.

Cost: $69/person, (based on 40 minimum) & includes:- Coach Fare, Accommodation - twin share, All Meals, Entrance Fees, Local Guide to act as Host. (Itinerary can be varied to suit specific interests).****

Proposed to include:

Day 1: Thursday - To Deniliquin - Peppin Heritage Ctre. History of Sheep Industry, Video, Exhibitions, Sheep Dog Display, School of old - classroom re-enactment. Other Deniliquin items of interest. Evening meal at one of the Clubs. (Only pokie commitment).

Day 2: Friday - Deniliquin: town tour and to Boonoke (F.S. Falkiner - News Ltd. Sheep Stud) Co-incides with the big "Annual Riverina Merino Field Day", exhibition of Stud Rams, view Boonoke Homestead Gardens. Partake of a bush salad lunch. On way home, tour of Millewa State Forest. Arrive home 5.30 p.m. Friday.

Maximum: 46: **Current:** 41: **Vacancies exist** - require more bookings to fill & emergencies.***

Payment: January meeting please.

TUESDAY APRIL 26TH 1994: TRIP TO TOOLANGI-CENTRAL HIGHLAND FOREST.

(Departure 7.30 a.m. from Strath Community Ctre. Crook St.)

Our Tour Guide is Brian Garth, a former Forest Ranger/Education Officer with extensive knowledge of the Central Highland rainforest areas.

We travel through Kilmore, Whittlesea, Kinglake areas to the picturesque forest hamlet of Toolangi. Our first stop is at Arden, the singing gardens of Poet C.J. Dennis, we stay here for a Devonshire Tea, recital & view the gardens.

During the remainder of the day we have much to discover and learn of forest and timber management, biology of our native plants & animals. We visit Demby Timber Mill, stroll on an elevated board walk beside the Sylvia Creek and learn why rain forests are unique. We have our B.B.Q. Lunch at the spectacular Murrindindi Cascades. Then on to see more of this beautiful rainforest area.

Maximum: 49: **Cost:** $26.00 approx: Includes Coach Fare, Admissions, Devonshire Morning Tea & B.B.Q. Lunch.

Listing: Wed.19/1/94. **Payments Due:** February Meeting.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INCORPORATED

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS 1994/95

I would like to nominate the following person/s for the 94/95 Committee.

POSITION	NOMINEE'S NAME (Please Print)	NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE (Nominees Signature)
PRESIDENT		
VICE-PRESIDENT		
TREASURER		
SECRETARY		
COMMITTEE (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 9th March 1994 (seven days prior to the A.G.M.).

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

Bob Chenery (Secretary)

The Southbank Shopping gallery afforded much interest to potential shoppers, offering so much varity and eye appeal particulary to the ladies

A brief stroll through Sheraton Towers offered us glimpses of opulence and luxury rarely seen in Country Victoria, while a peep through a top story window gave us an uninterupted view of Melbourne's skyline and the docklands to the west. We were also gratified to learn that the magnificent carpets which we had been admiring were made in Bendigo.

All this was enhanced by the enjoyable weather and more of the Eaton magic, (we forgive him for Ballarat - after all nobody is perfect).

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER:

The new venue, with more room to operate, provided the opportunity for a great time. As usual Elaine put on a first class meal which was expertly presented and served. Jim Aitken as MC kept the very full and varied entertainment moving along. The choir showed that they could do more than lead us in carol singing, they presented a gripping court room drama. We were told that they had spent hours in preparation and rehearsal, shrouded in secrecy, at the house of Graeme and Norm Dack, and under the control of the choir master and producer (and play wright?), Bob Chenery. Norm not only played the piano, he also played a key role in the drama.

Yet more talent was displayed, by May McLean, who contributed a group of dramatic monologues.

Geoff Biles and Maurice Pease had the Lucky Door Prizes organised, and as usual the Official Badger, Ray Downey carried out his work.

To all concerned "I think you've all done very well", as young Mr. Grace would say.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE: Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 16th March 1994. All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the Meeting and members are invited to apply to any position to join the 94/95 Committee. Nomination forms are enclosed within this issue of "PROBE". Completed forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 9th March '94, (seven days prior to the A.G.M.). Further blank copies of the nomination form are available from the Secretary upon request.

BOB CHENERY...SECRETARY

CHANGE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET:

After forty years plus, RON AND ZELLA STANISTREET have changed address. **New address is:** 6 Coralle Place
Golden Square 3555
(Same Phone Number)

Note: Coralle Place is off Aspinall Street; off Emmett Street, on the way to Secretary Bob's place.

BOWLS:

Teams to play at Bendigo East, January 20, 1994:
W. Foster, R. Downey, J. Vingerhoets, V. Canobie (Skipper)
J. Rose, A. Thomas, E. Driscoll, E. Hogan (Skipper)
G. Glover, V. Moyle, J. Rayson, R. Marslen (Skipper)
R. Fitzgerald, D. Opie, L. Roy, A. Eaton (Skipper)
In the match against Bendigo B.C. on December 6, 1993 - Bendigo B.C. won 75 - 35.

TRIPS INFORMATION:

TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994: SUNDAY SEPT. 18TH TO SAT. SEPT. 24TH 1994.

(7 day/6 nights) Based on Wagga (5 nights) & Canberra (1 night): ***Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival.***

Cost: $420/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Accommodation, D.B.B., Morning & Afternoon Teas & Entry Fees.

Sun: To Wagga, **Mon:** Tours Wagga area, **Tues:** to Canberra (O/Night Canberra), **Wed:** Tours Canberra & return to Wagga, **Thurs:** Tour to either Temora or Cowra area, **Fri:** Tour to Narrandera/Leeton, **Sat:** Depart Wagga for home. **"A beauty - don't miss out". Maximum** 46: **Current** 43 **** More bookings & emergencies required.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 1994: TRIP TO GEELONG - STAGE COACH THEATRE:

Maximum 49: **Current** 57: Restaurant - Lunch Time Show
Cost: $24.00/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Lunch and Show.

This Theatre Restaurant has celebrated 25 fabulous seasons. Entertainment provided by professional actors & singers, said to be a "great show". **Depart** 8.15 a.m. **Arrive home approx** 6.00 p.m.

Payments: January meeting please.