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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 2 Cook Street, Bendigo 3550.

The Guest Speaker at todays meeting is Hugh Mason, the Engineer Designer of Roxby Downs township.

At our last meeting in November 1996 Doris Le Toille, from Financial Information Services of the Veterans Affair Department outlined the various categories namely:-

- (1) Investments & Deeming Rules
- (2) Providing Investment Options
- (3) Financial Planning
- (4) Taxation Information
- (5) Advice to Retirees

Other major issues that need consultation were:-

- (1) Change of accomodation eg: rent assistance
- (2) Loss of Partner - change in Pension
- (3) Obligations of a Power of Attorney
- (4) Gifting and or lending to family members
- (5) Loan scheme as a charge on estate

She pointed out that her Department's approach when giving advice is wholistic, and includes the retiree's health and expected lifestyle. For further information she can be contacted by telephone, arrange a personal interview, or will visit your home if travel is difficult. In general terms it was apparent her information Service is there to make sure that full entitlements to benefits is forthcoming.

Vice President Bill Jacka thanked the speaker for a very informative discourse.

NEW MEMBER - Welcome to Tom Iser, a member of a well known and long established family of Bendigo. He was introduced by Maurice Pease and inducted at our November 1996 meeting.

Thomas Henry Iser was born in Bendigo on the 20th April, 1919 - the second son of William and Winifred Iser; and the grandson of Henry Iser who had emigrated from Hamburg Germany in the 1880's and settled in Bendigo. He joined his brother-in-law William Humme in the timber business which was eventually named Hume & Iser.

Tom started his education at Gravel Hill primary school, before attending Scotch College and then night school at Cox's Business College in View Street, Bendigo. Here he gained Associationship with the Federal Institute of Accountants. Leaving school he started work at Hume & Iser and remained there until his retirement in 1981. In 1982 he moved to Ocean Grove staying there till early this year when he returned to Bendigo.

In 1940 he married Mary McNaught at St. Andrews Bendigo and they have three sons and two daughters - Tim Iser and Caroline Hope are living in Bendigo - the others live in Melbourne, Sydney and Foster.

His war service commenced with the 17th Light Horse (M.G.) Regiment moving to the 14th Armoured Regiment and eventually serving overseas with the 24th Australian Infantry Battalion on Bougainville.

His sporting activities in Bendigo were with the Bendigo Swimming Club, the Bendigo Rowing Club and the Bendigo Golf Club. Community efforts are with the R.S.L. and Legacy.

ONE FOR THE GOLFERS

Putting our golf bags into the car, I noticed that the car parked next to ours had an enormous dent in the left back door, a smashed rear light, a cracked window and a flat tyre.

A bumper sticker on the back said "If you don't like the way I drive, you should see me putt."

CHRISTMAS DINNER - The following report was written by your pianist for the evening, Norm Dack.

Those Probianas and their wives and friends who felt that their constitutions would stand yet another Christmas party, celebrated the festive season at the Bendigo Bowling Club on Thursday Dec. 11th 1996.

With the temperature surprisingly just right for the occasion, President Ralph welcomed those present, making special mention of our interstate visitors.

In the usual manner, at various times during the evening, those who were lucky enough to have the right tickets received their Christmas presents. We were told that when the Secretary and Treasurer went present buying, the Treasurer kept careful check on the Secretary's purchases with his calculator.

Entertainment of quality was the order of the evening. Several members of the Bendigo Cornish Choir, ably led by our member John Stevens, regaled us with carols and ballads, culminating in an animated rendition of the "Gendarmes Duet".

Further entertainment by the inimitable duo, Jack Paynting and Norm Fieldew was very well received.

The highlight of the evening was the carol singing, led by Gordon Glover assisted by Geoff Biles (and didn't they sing well!).

To round off the Christmas Party Auld Lang Syne was sung with gusto followed by another chorus of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

REPORT ON VISIT TO "MT.LONARCH FINE CHINA" & "OASIS LEAD CRYSTAL".

On Thursday 28th November a bus load of Probianas and friends set off in John Rainbow's very plush bus; a marked difference over our standard set of wheels. The whole trip was a leisurely drive in the vicinity of Avoca and the Amphitheatre area.

Our first port of call was at the "Mt.Lonarch Fine China" studio; our hosts were Lorraine & Peter Lucey together with John Kennett. The Bone China made on the property is considered amongst the finest of all fired clay products...translucent, and delicate in appearance, and is the hardest of all vitreous fired clays. Much of the hand painted decorative work is accomplished by Lorraine; a recipient of a Churchill Fellowship, studying at Worcester to become the foremost decorator of Bone China in Australia.

Peter (who also studied at Worcester) gave us a demonstration/explanation of the manufacturing process, then lunch on the premises.

Brenda & Geoffrey Dickinson were our next hosts at "The Oasis Crystal Studio/Gallery". Here we saw a demonstration on the making of hand-made lead crystal products and glass blowing. Also in the gallery we saw examples of lead crystal items, such as, plates, bowls, vases, paperweights and individual pieces made to order. Afternoon-tea (to my mind, even a lesser health standard than our lunch) was taken on the premises, and then off we went to return to Bendigo via the ice-cream shop at Avoca.

On the whole a quiet, relaxing and enjoyable day; both venues were well worth the visit. Thanks to John Rainbow (Driver) and Arthur Eaton (Trips Organiser).

Reporter: Bob Chenery.

I'm sure all would agree that the year of 1996 for our Probus Club was a very happy and action packed one, due to the fellowship we enjoyed and the many interesting trips in which we participated - made possible by the tireless energy of our sagacious organiser, Arthur, assisted by "man of mystery" Cliff.

Ed.

BOWLERS PLEASE READ ON -

We played Bendigo and our best performed team was L.Nankivell, N.Barningham, L.Roy and F.O'Connell, but we still lost by 7.

Next game at Bendigo East on Thursday January 16th.

Teams are:-

W. Bell	R. Fitzgerald	J. Rose	N. Barningham
D. Donaldson	R. Chenery	E. Driscoll	R. Holmes
W. Winzar	A. Eaton	R. Holland	L. Roy
A. Clough (s)	H. Hesse (s)	V. Canobie (s)	R. Marslen (s)

TRIPS INFORMATION -

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 1997: TRIP TO SEYMOUR ALTERNATE FARMING EXPO AND RAILWAY HERITAGE CENTRE.

Max: (49) Current: (60)

Depart: 8.15am. Arrival Home: Approx 5.30pm. (Buy/Bring own lunch)

Cost: \$17.00/person. Includes: Coach fare and entry fees.

"This trip is a beauty, offering great variety which is sure to satisfy the interests of all - don't miss out on this one!!"

Visit: The Sixth Annual "Seymour Alternate Farming Expo", a highly successful and popular event, with up to 450 exhibitors, its many features include: alternate farming, building techniques, crop and livestock options, exotic animals - Alpacas, Llamas, Ostriches, Emus, Crafts, Fashions, Foods & Wines. **Food Stalls.** Continuous demonstrations. "A great day out, entertainment for the whole family".

A conducted tour of the Seymour Heritage Railway Centre which has an "amazing variety" of serviceable Steam & Diesel Electric Locomotives, Rail Motors and other rolling stock which includes: Passenger Carriages, Dining Cars, Sleeping Cars, Parlor Car and State Car. One of the greatest railway displays in Australia!!

Payments: At January 15th Meeting.

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH, 1997: EVENING OUT IN GREATER BENDIGO

Depart Strath Community Centre, Crook Street 5.30pm.
Return 11.00pm.

Cost: \$20.00/person. Includes Coach, two Venues, Dinner (3 course) Cabaret/Concert, Supper.

"A Cliff Binks Special, quality entertainment and food assured".

** No restriction on numbers.

Current 69.

LIST: At November Meeting.

PAYMENTS: At February 19th Meeting.

THURSDAY APRIL 17TH, 1997: OUT OF TOWN MYSTERY TRIP

- By Cliff Binks.

This is guaranteed to surpass previous Mystery Trips, it will both please and surprise.

Cost: \$32.00/person. Includes: Coach, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and 3 tours.

Maximum: (53)

LIST: At January 15TH Meeting.

PAYMENTS: At February 19th Meeting.

FRIDAY MAY 9TH TO MONDAY MAY 12TH, 1997 (4 DAY/3 NIGHTS)

MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON PASSENGER VESSEL "PROUD MARY"

Maximum: (35) Current Bookings (35)
(Emergencies 9, further invited)

Cost: \$435.00/person twin share. (based on 30 paying travellers)

Includes: Road Coach, Proud Mary Package and Murray Bridge Motor Inn (D.B.B.).

Copies of Itineraries available. **Insurance available.

PAYMENTS: At March 19th Meeting. - Cheque to Probus Club of Bendigo.

****IMPORTANT**** To assist the "Collectors" please tender correct monies at time of payment. If by cheque, endorse: payment for.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE:

Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 19th March 1997. All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the meeting and members are invited to apply to any position to join the 97/98 Committee. Nomination forms are enclosed within this issue of "Probe". Completed forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 12th March '97, (seven days prior to the A.G.M.). Further blank copies of the nomination form are available from the Secretary upon request.

Ken Coles...Secretary.
