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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.

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The guest speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Darren Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, North Central Goldfields Regional Library Corporation

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For our November meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Ian Reid from the Bendigo Regional Institute Of TAFE who spoke on what Small Business is in Australia, what it contributes and how it can be helped in its impact on the Bendigo community. He was introduced by Robert Holmes.

Today it is recognised that the Small Business Sector is a significant part of the Australian economy and Australia is looking to this sector to lead it into the year 2000 and beyond in terms of economy, development and employment.

There are currently 887,000 Small Business Enterprises in Australia, employing 50% of the private sector work force and accounting for 70% of the new jobs in this country. It has now been realised by both State and Federal governments of the importance of the Small Business Sector to the economy.

On the subject of Information Technology, Ian was very critical of the lack of standards in the computer industry and of the customer service in some stores. However, he is very aware of the value of the tools now available to us.

Ian also spoke of Government attempts to fund consultants who would prepare Business Plans for small business. In some instances this did not work and Ian decided that the best way to prepare a plan was for the individual to do the work himself, under guidance. This has been quite successful and has been recognised in the Mortimor Report on Small Business. A core part of the work of the Professional Training Services is the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, a Federal Government initiative, which takes people on Social Security benefits who have a business idea, the potential and the basic resources to start the business. The idea of the NEIS program is to take those people, give them training and support for 12 months in developing that business.

The work of the PTS can be divided into 3 areas:

1. Training for small business
2. Consulting on a fee for service basis
3. Counselling

After a short question time Ian was thanked by Kevin Houlahan for a very interesting and informative talk.

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BOWLS NOTES

On Thursday, 4th December Bendigo Probians did battle with Bendigo Bowling Club. Unfortunately, we were defeated by 6 shots ; 46 - 52. The winning Probus rink consisted of Peter Goodrich, Alex Wilson, Bill Clemens and Herb Hesse with a score of 17 - 9. The next game will be at North Bendigo on Wednesday, 25th of February.

The teams to play North Bendigo are:

L. Nankivell	R. Holmes	A.Eaton	V. Canobie	(s)
C. Weeks	W. Spicer	P. Goodrich	H. Hesse	(s)
W. Bell	A Dingle	E. Driscoll	R. Marslen	(s)
J. Rose	R. Downey	E. Waterworth	W. Clemens	(s)

Reserves: K. Gloster, W.Winzar, C. Jeffrey.

If you are not available as selected please contact Bill Clemens on 54470562.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 18th March. Further information & Nomination Form will be included in February Probe.

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BENDIGO PROBUS TRIP TO RAAF MUSEUM AND TO VICTORIA'S OPEN RANGE ZOO.

With an anticipated day temperature of 24^{0}C it meant perfect weather conditions for touring and at this time of the year the countryside is so lush and green that the vista keeps rolling along.

To set the scene for the first destination of the RAAF Museum at Point Cook - the acknowledged birthplace of Australia's Military Aviation - our ex RAAF types - Bob Hollow (Spitfires), Ernie Waterworth (Bombers) and Cliff Nievandt (Groundstaff) turned back their memory clocks 50 years and kept the audience rapt with their service recollections.

Friends of the RAAF Museum provide guides for the quite extensive exhibition. Our guide was John Biggs. John's knowledge came from his progression from groundcrew apprentice to pilot.

The quality of the exhibits was top class and the fact that they were displayed where they were originally in service added to their authenticity. We were all fascinated with the workshop hangar to see the progress in restoration of the historic Supermarine Walrus which had pranged on Heard Island in the 1940's.

What a beautiful aircraft is the Hawker Demon and what a rugged warhorse is the Boomerang. The Maurice Farman Shorthorn looked like something from the film "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines" - a film that I have never grown tired from seeing.

The museum stimulates the imagination and I half expected to see Biggles or Rockfist Rogan. How they would have enjoyed the Wirraway, Winjeel, CT4 - the Plastic Parrot, Neptune, Mustang, Canberra, Iroquois, Pika (the only one), Sabre, Vampire, Gloster Meteor, Mirage, Phantom and the f111. I looked longingly at the Tiger Moth and, for a moment, I swear that Biggles was in the cockpit.

The dioramas were painstakingly put together and I found fascination with the successful Dam Buster raid on the Mohne Dam in the Ruhr Valley of the industrial heart of Germany in WW2.

One visit is just not enough to absorb it all from this museum.

We then enjoyed our picnic luncheon prepared by the greatest cooks in Australia .....us.

Back on the bus and in a very short time we were at Victoria's open range zoo at Werribee.

This remarkable new zoo is established on 200 hectares of grassy plains and the wide sweeping river terraces surrounding the final stages of the Werribee River before it enters the sea. The abundant supply of water is being used to develop the physical features of the site and an ambitious planting program.

The concept of open range requires a Safari guide for the bus, and we stay in the bus. Anne Venables shared her enthusiasm as we drove along the bush track to find family groups of the animals which roam freely in well-disguised enclosures, kangaroo, wallaby, zebra, emu, ostrich, giraffe, bison, deer, camels, water-buffalo, rhinos, hippos, monkeys, meerkats and numerous species of birds.

The journey itself, which I did not time, must have taken a full hour and was full of interest and projected the feeling of freedom and safety in the open spaces which further contributes to the uniqueness of this type of zoo.

The base camp is a low, unpretentious, modern complex with generous open brick terraces complete with outdoor furniture. Cafe, bistro, gift shops are of a high standard and the wide verandahs make it a great place to relax and to enjoy the view of the lake, bird life and roaming animals. Somehow, the rigours of the safari, and the sense of the hunt make man - the hunter and of course woman - the hunter want to sit back and sip tea and cold drinks and to enjoy those pleasures of eating icecream.

Back on the bus and that wonderful feeling of self-indulgence that I don't have to do the driving. So what does it matter if I settle back and catch up on a few "zeds" and a late afternoon nap.

What are they saying?

Back in Bendigo!!!!

Happy, tired, relaxed with a tingle of sun on the face. Oh well; someone has to do it.....and yes it is hard work, just enjoying yourself. But I have got to keep at it. A great day.

Thanks Arthur.....Well done.

Bryan Clemson

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Christmas Luncheon took place at 12 noon on Wednesday 10th December and was enjoyed by approximately 70 Probians, partners and friends. The fare was very good and plenty of lucky door prizes held the interest of all. Excellent entertainment was provided by May McLean and The Noted 3, accompanied by Mrs. Marjorie McDowell, and our own inimitable Norman Dack who provided the piano accompaniment for the Christmas Carols.

ANNIVERSARIES

Gordon and Alys Rayson, on 6th December, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

~ Congratulations ~

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Ted Driscoll and Alf Ryall who have both attained 80 years of age. Many happy returns for the respective days.

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INSTALLATION

We will be pleased to see Doug Laity installed at the January meeting.

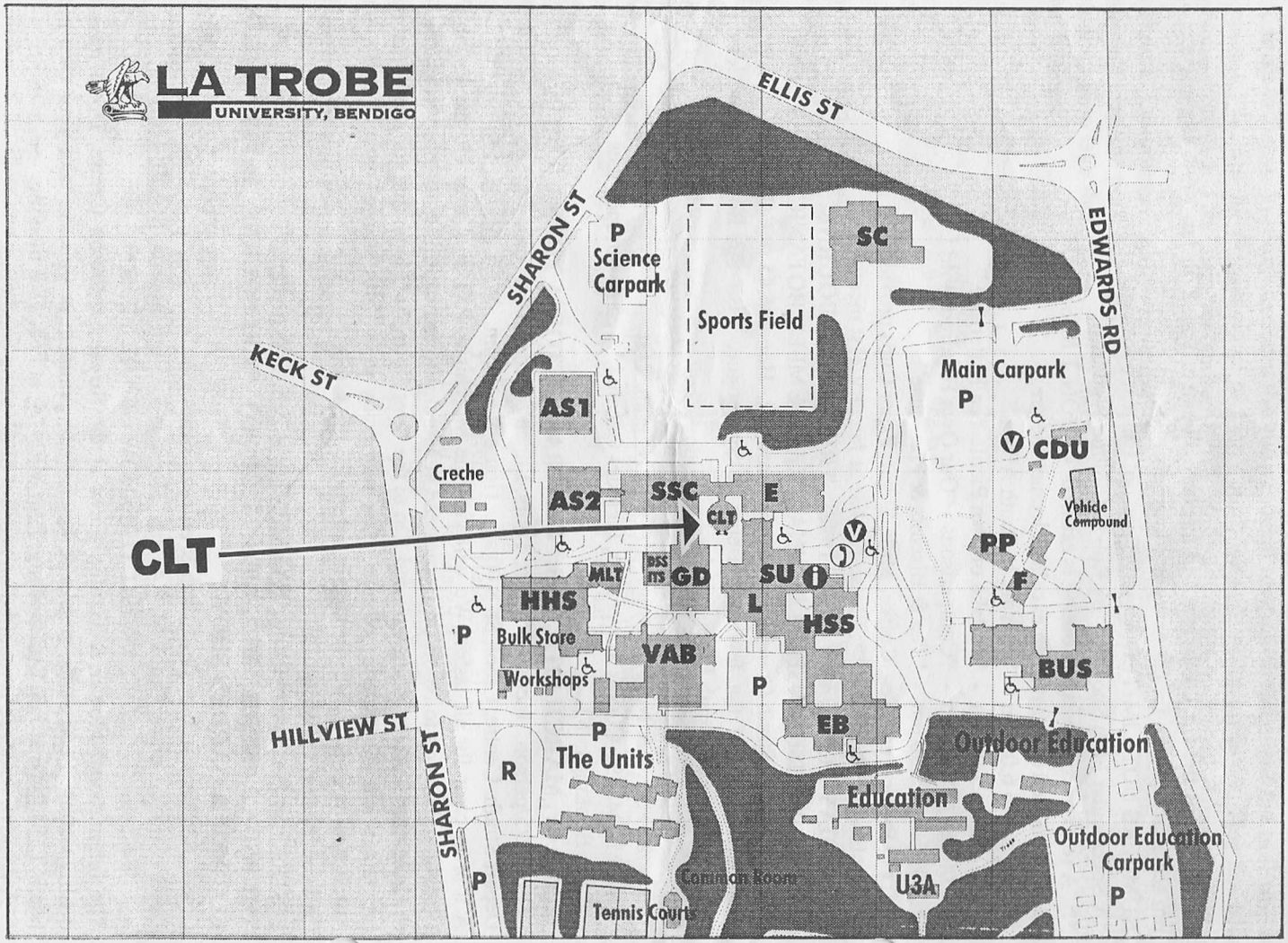
TRIPS INFORMATION

Film show at the CLT Latrobe Uni Lecture Theatre: Tue. 27th Jan 1998. Commence: 5.00 pm see attached map for car parks and location.
NUMBERS NOT LIMITED. Cost: $3/person. Current bookings: 102.
"A Spectacular Film Showing" by Rob & Cynthia Watkins.
** "A relaxed & interesting outing is assured. --- DON'T MISS OUT ---
Air conditioned comfort in an excellent lecture theatre.
** 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm - "A Walk in South Africa."
** 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm - "Partake of own Picnic Tea/Fraternise."
** 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm - "Comparisons - "Our Own Bendigo Wild Life".
** 8.00 pm to 8.30 pm - "Tea & Biscuits & Fraternise".
** BYO Picnic Tea - Tea, Coffee, Milk, Sugar, Paper Cups provided.
** Outstanding Payments **: Please finalise at January 21st meeting.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 1998:_TRIP TO MELBOURNE.
VISIT TO JEWISH MUSEUM & SYNAGOGUE, & MELB BOTANICAL GARDENS.
Depart 7.30 am. Strath Community Centre, Crook St. Home: 5.45 pm. approx.
Conducted tours of the Jewish Museum & Synagogue. Visit the Botanical Gardens. This outing very popular with Probus Clubs.
** A morning tea has been arranged on arrival at Jewish Museum.
** Listing at Oct. & Nov. meetings. PAYMENT: Jan. 21st
MAXIMUM: 49. COST: $19/person. Includes Coach, M/Tea & entrance fees.
Current Bookings: 83.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1998: "CENTRAL VICTORIA TOUR" (Cliff Binks)
COST: $25/person. Includes Coach, Tours, Lunch & Afternoon Tea.
Depart Strath. Centre, Crook St. 8.00 am. Home at 6.00 pm. MAXIMUM: 53.
A tour to cater for all tastes. We will visit the Murchison P.O.W. Camp 13, the Italian War Cemetery. Then on to Noorilim Homestead at Murchison (a beautifully restored treasure), tour of homestead - picnic lunch included. On to the "Nut House" at Nagambie for a talk, tasting & purchase - has 80 varieties of nuts. You will enjoy your "Nut House" visit. Finally, on to Mitchelton Winery for a wine tasting, afternoon tea & talk.
"A beauty - don't miss out.!!"
LISTING: at Jan. 21st meeting.. PAYMENTS: at Feb. 18th meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 1998: TRIP TO "MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW"
COST: $25/person. Includes Coach & entry to show.
Depart Strath. Centre, Crook St. 7.45 am. Home at 5.45 pm. approx. MAXIMUM 49.
VISIT THE SHOW OF THE YEAR
The International Flower & Garden Show at the Royal Exhibition Centre. Don't miss this quality outing. Food stalls, snacks & lunches are available or you can take your own picnic lunch. LISTING: at Jan. 21st meeting. PAYMENTS: at Feb. 18th meeting.
A positive response is required on account of ticketing conditions.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