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

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The guest speaker for today's meeting is fellow Probian Mr. Cliff Binks who will talk to us about "His American Experiences".

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Mr. Leon Scott, part owner of the Mayfair Park Industrial Estate, spoke at the November meeting on his acquisition and the development of the Estate. He was introduced by Ken Burch.

Leon was born in Bendigo and completed a heat treatment apprenticeship at the Bendigo Ordnance Factory before moving to Ballarat to take up a position with Villiers. He returned to Bendigo and has conducted his own business in steel fabrication and engineering maintenance at Eaglehawk for the past 24 years. Major trailers was also formed as part of Scotts Bendigo Pty. Ltd.

Leon is dedicated to obtaining employment for people in the Greater Bendigo area and, to that end, is a committee member of the Future Employment Opportunities Inc. at Eaglehawk, Chairman of the Regional Enterprise Network Committee as well as a member of the Community Employment Council and a member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

Leon and his associates obtained Mayfair at auction in Dec. 1987, took over in Feb. 1988 and commenced letting areas almost immediately. After fire services had been installed, at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, they had about 60 areas that could be leased out. Power and water was never a problem but windows and toilets had to be installed to meet requirements. Some parts of the buildings were very good while other areas were very bad. The old cool store was held up by the ice and, when the ice melted, down came the top level. Insulation in the building consisted of pumice ranging in size from gravel to dust. Incidentally, this material is good for growing orchids and is available.

The old by-products building, when the equipment was removed, revealed a layer of fat on all surfaces which was removed by the largest hot water pressure wash that could be found. The fat had actually preserved the timbers which are like new. This building is now used by Sandhurst Enterprises for their recycling project.

One of the business success stories revolves around Pasta Masta which started about 8 years ago, moved 3 times within the Estate and now have 73 people working for them. When they started they bought tomato paste in 5lb. tins and now buy it in a semi load of 44's that last them about 3 weeks. Two semi loads of pasta go out every day and they work around the clock.

There are now 30 businesses operating, employing 380 people, ranging from 1 person leather repairs, through several food factories, to Sandhurst Enterprises which employs over 100 people.

One thing that has become evident at the Estate is that partnerships do not always work while some people come with no idea of what they want to do.

Leon was thanked by Clark Jeffrey for his very informative insight into the operation of the Mayfair Park Industrial Estate.

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### INDUCTIONS

Three new Probus members were inducted into the Club by President Kevin Houlahan. They are Mel Boyd, Ron McCulloch and Ian Nixon. We wish them all the best in their association with the Club.

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### ACTIVITIES

#### BOWLS NOTES

In November our bowls team played South Bendigo but were defeated 63 shots to 51. Our best rink was skippered by Reg Marslen with Arthur Eaton, Ted Driscoll and Alex Wilson.

Also in November a rink of Bendigo Probus bowlers travelled to Avoca and represented our club in the annual Maryborough Probus bowls tournament. We won the tournament and brought home the loot. Players involved were Alan Court, Len Roy, Eddie Hogan and Bill Clemens.

In December our game was played against Bendigo Bowls Club and once again the news is bad. We were beaten 69 shots to 53. It would appear that we need more practice or maybe a bit more luck.

Our best rink was skippered by Herb Hesse with Warren Winzar, Alex Wilson and Jack Laidler.

By the time you receive this information we will have played Bendigo East on 14th January hopefully with better results.

Bill Clemens

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### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our annual dinner was held on December 9th at the Bendigo Bowling Club with approximately 90 Probians and their partners present, all eagerly awaiting the festive fare. Master of Ceremonies duties were masterly performed by Ern Waterworth and grace was delivered by Colin McLean. The Noted 3, accompanied by Norm Dack, entertained, and led us with carols, a suitably attired Alby Clough gave

an excellent rendition of "The Man From Ironbark" and John Stephens and Ian Glanville sang carols and ballads. They were accompanied by Gwenda Bolitho.

The "Christmas Address" was delivered by Ian Nixon and there were many lucky draws during the afternoon.

To round off proceedings the Christmas cake, made by Teresa Houlahan, was cut by Ray Downey.

The food, the entertainment and the company could not be faulted and we must thank all those who contributed time and energies toward making the afternoon the success that it was.



### TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, 1999 TRIP TO MELBOURNE - VISITS TO:  
HISTORIC A.N.Z. GOTHIC BANK & BANKING MUSEUM (Cnr Queen/Collins St)  
THE AUSTRALIAN TOY MUSEUM (Collingwood) & other attraction.

Depart Bendigo: 7.45am. Arrive Home: Approx 6.00pm.

Tour the unique A.N.Z. Gothic Bank & Banking Museum. Then visit 333 Collins St a building which is built over dome of an original Melbourne Bank. Lunch own arrangement at Melbourne Central-Dai Maru. Afterwards visit the Toy Museum which has an amazing variety of toys some dating back to the 1882. This trip will please all.

COST: \$20.00/person. Includes: Coach, Entry Fees & Afternoon Tea.

PAYMENTS: AT MEETING JANUARY 20TH, 1999. Maximum (49) Current (49)

\*\*\*\* EMERGENCIES required.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24TH, 1999. TRIP TO MELBOURNE. Maximum (49)  
LIVE MUSICAL STAGE SHOW - "SHOWBOAT" MATINEE PERFORMANCE - 1.00pm

COST: Approx \$68 to \$70/person (Dependant on numbers booked)

Includes: Coach & Admission to Show. \*\*\* A highly acclaimed "Stage Show" at the Regent Theatre Melbourne. Depart: 9.00am. Arrive Home 6.00pm (Approx)

LISTING: JANUARY 20TH MEETING.

\*\* A POSITIVE RESPONSE IS REQUIRED. PAYMENTS: at Feb 17th meeting.

THURSDAY APRIL 22nd, 1999. TRIP TO KYNETON. Maximum: (48)

Depart: 8.30am. Arrive home: 5.00pm. (Approximate times.)

Experienced Local Guide for full day. Town tour-items of interest. Also, during the day visits and conducted tours of John Brown, Kyneton Fine China, Kyneton Woollen Mill and the Kyneton Museum which is considered to be excellent. This trip will have great variety, be of interest to all, leisurely, enjoyable & low cost.

\*\* Full details/cost in Feb. "Probe" LIST: At meeting Wed Feb 17th.

TRIP OF THE YEAR: SUNDAY JULY 25TH TO SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH, 1999  
\*\* TO SOUTHPORT (GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND) - HARBOUR SIDE RESORT

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS. Depart: Sun July 25th. Return: Sun Aug 8th'99

\*\* SUNGOLD HOLIDAYS \*\* 4 Star Resort \*\* All Modern facilities.

\*\* SUNGOLD PACKAGE: Which includes: Accommodation (Twin Share),  
Private Facilities, Dinner, Bed, Breakfasts, M/Tea most days,  
Lunches: first week (2), 2nd Week (2), Tours on 5 days each week.

\*\* COST: Of 15 Day/14 Night Package: (SunGold Holidays)

\*\* Itinerary for Week commencing July 25th, 1999: \$489.00

\*\* Itinerary for Week commencing August 1st, 1999: \$489.00

\*\* Overnight Accommodation, Dinner & Breakfast on Sunday 31st July, 1999 Free of Charge

\*\* Extra Night Accommodation including Dinner  
and Breakfast on Sunday August 7th, 1999 \$50.00

\*\* Seniors Return Air Fare: Melb - Coolangatta Ret. \$382.00

TOTAL COST: \$1410.00

Transport Bendigo-Tullamarine & return (40 travel) \$25.00/person

(For every 20 people SunGold give \$489 rebate) 40 = \$978.00

\*\* This amount would be used to defray cost of transport from Bendigo-Tullamarine & return.

BOOKINGS REC'D (39): N.Bartlett (1), C.Binks (2), A.Crothers (2), A.Dingle (2), R.Downey (2)  
A.Eaton (2), K.Gloster (2), H.Hesse(2), R.Hollow (1) K.Houlahan (2), C.Jeffrey (2)  
L.Mc.Cracken (2), L.Nankivell (2) J.Rose (1) A.Ryall (1), D.Sommerville (2),  
J.Stephens (2), W.Spicer (1), H.Ward (2), W.Winzar (2), C.Thomson (1), B.Bruhn (1)  
E.Trewartha (1), G.Boyd (1).

\*\*\* PAYMENT AIR FARES: \$382/person by (Cheque to Probus Club Bdgo)

\*\*\* DUE AT MEETING JANUARY 20TH, 1999. Highly recommend this trip.

MAXIMUM: (48) Current: (39) \*\*\* Additional bookings required.

\*\*\*To assist collectors, please tender correct money. If payment by cheque, please ensure details written on back of cheque.

*HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PROBIANS*