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

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Len Hodren, who will talk on the racing industry both past and present, will give today's talk. Hugh Ward will introduce him.

The following space is available as no report of November's guests and their activities is available. It could be said that we were advised, yet again, that we should be careful as we age.

NOTICE: Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Bendigo Inc. will be held at the Masonic Centre, Bendigo, on Wednesday, 21st March. Specific vacancies known to exist include Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nomination forms will be available in February. It should also be noted that the positions of Trips and Entertainment Organizer and Probe Editor are to become vacant, or are vacant. (Anonymous will work once only) This Club will not function if these positions are not filled.

BOWLS NOTES

Our November game was against South Bendigo and resulted in a win to South. Our best performed rink was R. Downey, W. Winzar, R. Fitzgerald and Herb Hesse.

During December we travelled to Bendigo Bowls Club and again were defeated by the host Club. Our best rink being J. Kelly, A. Court, E. Waterworth and F. O'Connell.

The January game will be at Bendigo East on Thursday, 18th January at 9.30am. Regulation dress is required.

Teams

E. Trewartha	E. Driscoll	W. Clemens	H. Hesse
A. Eaton	J. Laidler	A. Court	M. Boyd
R. Downey	W. Clarke	R. Fitzgerald	F. O'Connell
W. Winzar	A. Wilson	I. Roy	A. Stephens

It is impossible to avoid choosing East Bendigo members for this game because of the number of our Probians belonging to that Club.

I hope that all players selected will be available.

W. Clemens

REPORT ON PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO TRIP TO MELBOURNE

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2000.

VISITS To: Melbourne Aquarium & Melbourne Town Hall.

Our Group of 45, comprised of Probians, Wives & friends of Probus departed at 7.45am from Bendigo in a Bendigo Coachlines Coach, our Coach Captain being Warren Fawcett. On both the forward and return journeys we stopped at McDonalds at Taylor's Lakes for refreshments where we received prompt and efficient service.

On arrival at the Melbourne Aquarium we given a brief run down on the Aquarium its features and facilities, after which with self guide maps we set out on what proved to be a most interesting and spectacular visit.

On ground level we viewed brilliant floor to ceiling Coral Atoll, Sea Jellies, Stingers & natural born killers from around the world and learnt the seven rules of the sea for survival.

On to Level 1, we explored the billabong, hand fed stingrays in Mangrove exhibit. Experienced the rock pools even viewed an 18 Kg 65 cm length Murray Cod.

Next level Subspace 2, where we walked through clear acrylic tunnels, where over and beside us swam by, the Sharks, Rays and an amazing variety of Marine Life. On this level is the amazing 2.2 million litre Oceanarium which is like a vast Cathedral for all Marine Life from fish to sharks, where a Diver drifted about among them. She spoke to us and answered questions from the deep

water trench of this underwater world, whilst we sat in the comfort of the Tattersalls Ocean Theatre.

The brave ones proceeded on to Subspace 1 to complete our Sub-space journey in one of the three high energy simulator rides which virtually plunged us into the depths to get a fish-eye view of life down under, this is not a trip for the faint hearted.

After an hour and a half of experiencing the marvels of the state of the art, interactive Aquarium, the Group descended upon the "Moorings Brasserie" where they were able to partake of a variety of reasonably priced food in very pleasant surroundings overlooking the Yarra River.

After lunch we proceeded on to the Melbourne Town Hall where we met our Guide Jill who took us on a conducted tour of this historical Melbourne landmark. We proceeded into the Council Chamber built in 1910 with an ornate decor of carved timber selected from Australia & N.Z. it originally housed 32 Councilors, now eight.

Here our friend and former Mayor of Bendigo Clarke Jeffrey occupied the Mayoral Chair and addressed the gathering, "acclimation"

We proceeded on to the original Council Chamber, built in 1870 and was restored 10 years ago to its original colours. Within this Chamber the walls are adorned with huge portraits in oils of former Lord Mayors, size 10 ft high x 5 ft wide.

On to the famous Town Hall Portico for a birds eye view up & down Swanston Street, from which returning heroes are welcomed, the scene of numerous historical events.

We gathered in the main reception room where all dignitaries are welcomed. Whilst here we were entertained by Clarke Jeffrey who played for a brief time on the Grand Piano in that room

Our final brief visit into the upper level of the Melbourne Concert Hall with its two main Chandeliers which are modelled on Drury Lane Style, each of which are able to be lowered. We were informed that the Town Hall Organ, which has 10,000 pipes, is in course of being restored at an estimated cost of \$4 million.

This low cost trip was a pleasant surprise to those that traveled, and proved to be most enjoyable. We experienced the architecture and history of early Melbourne whilst at the Town Hall, vastly different to that of the 21st Century, modern, high tech, marvel the Melbourne Aquarium. Both are a "must do" when in Melbourne.

A. Eaton

FILM SHOWING AT LATROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE

FRIDAY JANUARY 26th, 2001. Commence at 5.00pm: Current: (73) NUMBERS: "Not limited"
COST: \$2.00/person. A "Spectacular Film showing" -by Rob & Cynthia Watkins.

** A relaxed & interesting evening is assured. "DON'T MISS OUT." SHOW: In Air Conditioned comfort in an excellent Lecture Theatre ** 5.00pm to 6.00pm -A walk from India to Mt.Everest.

** 6.00pm to 7.00pm -Partake of Own Picnic Tea & fraternise.

** 7.00pm to 8.00pm -Landscapes of Australia, Outback, Rainforests and Australian wildlife

** B.Y.O. Picnic Tea -Have in air-conditioned comfort.

-Tea, Coffee, Milk, Sugar, Paper Cups provided.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 17th January please.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13th to THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15th, 2001
Trip to PHILLIP ISLAND-3 DAY/2 NIGHTS. Maximum (48) Current: (48)

Depart 7.30am Tues. 13th February from Strathdale Community Ctre Crook Street. Arrival Home on Thurs. 15th at approx. 5.15pm

COST: \$246/PERSON Includes: Coach,

** Refer to July 19th Probe for trip details.

** Detailed Itinerary available for each of those who have booked & paid for the trip, available at Meeting Wednesday 17th January.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO/EVERGREEN TOURS -TRIP TO CANADA

MONDAY 7TH MAY TO SAT.19TH MAY, 2001. Maximum (48) **Current (41) 13 DAY
TOUR -CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAINS. ** (Hostess Escorted)

(Includes: Last two days on the Famous Rocky Mountaineer Train) COST: \$4775.00 per person
Twin Share. ** (Bendigo to Bendigo.)

**Excellent Group Price secured. New 2001 Tour prices factored in

** AN OPTIONAL: " 7 Day Alaskan Cruise," timed to immediately follow on, is available for those who may wish to take cruise.

Outside Cabin -Excellent Price of \$1350/person -twin share."

** A vacancy exists for a Gent for the 13 Day Tour to share with Peter Randall.

** Vacancies exist for (6) others, subject to availability.

In order to avoid costly Single Supplements, desirable that bookings be received from (two persons prepared to twin share)

** Deposits required on booking: \$500 per person 13 day Tour & \$1160 per person for 13 Day plus 7 night Alaskan Cruise.

** BALANCE PAYMENTS (Due: 22nd Feb.2001. ** Insurance available.

** Enquiries/bookings to Arthur (54439162)** Other Clubs welcome