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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9.30am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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The Guest Speaker for the January meeting is Paul Kirkpatrick, CEO of the Peter Harcourt Centre, whose subject will be the development of Peter Harcourt Park.

GUEST SPEAKER

At the November meeting Brian Clemson introduced Geoff Mitchell who is CEO of Coliban Water. Geoff went into water distribution and quality improvement on completing his course at the BIT.

In his talk Geoff overwhelmed us with huge numbers. The Coliban Water complex covers 16,500 square kilometers and includes 8 major water storages and 19 other reservoirs and dams, but does not include Lake Eppalock. The running costs for the complex is \$10 million a year. Currently there are projects under way to the value of \$200 million.

Of the new projects a water treatment facility in Castlemaine came on line in the middle of last year. A waste water treatment plant was developed in Kyneton which discharges partially into streams. A similar situation applies in Bendigo with discharge into Bendigo Creek. Some of the dams in the system are 90 to 100 years old and updating is going on. Water treatment plants in Echuca and Bendigo among others are being upgraded.

Geoff showed us some of the devices used for micro-filtration, perhaps the newest such system. It uses fine hollow polythene fibres with very fine holes in the surface. The water comes on the outside of the fibres, is forced through the fine holes into the hollow and flows on, leaving solid particles still outside. The fibres are made up into modules and the modules are assembled into the banks 1-2 metres long. The elements have a working

life of 3-5 years. This technology was developed in Australia and is exported all over the world. To remove the taste and odour in the water it is carbon filtered and processed with ozone, a technique developed by French engineers.

Alan Court made the usual presentation.

REMINDER

At the last meeting it was decided that the meeting time, for the present, should be 9.30am, and for the Committee 8.30am.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several members of our Club attended a farewell party for former member Graeme Evans who has resigned from the Club to reside at 'Murrayvale' in Moama.

Graeme is a 3rd generation member of the well renowned Evans Shoes organisation which has now been operating for over 100 years.

The function, which was arranged by his daughter Jane assisted by son Richard was held at the Bendigo Retirement Village, Spring Gully on Sunday December 9th and many of Graeme's friends were present for the occasion.

Graeme who is now 69 years old, has had Parkinson's disease for the past 20 years and it is a credit to him that he has always remained bright and cheerful to all who had the pleasure of sharing his company.

President Herb spoke on behalf of all present referring to Graeme's friendly nature at all times and thanked his daughter Jane for the opportunity for us to get together and to extend wishes to him for a pleasant and healthful future in his new place of residence.

Graeme suitable responded and thanked all for the support given to him during his stay in Bendigo.

BOWLS NOTES

Our match against Bendigo Bowls Club in December was a success with Probus recording an 18 shot win. Our best rink was E. Trewartha, A. Stephens with Col. Turner Skipper. Well done to all. Our January match is against Bendigo East on Thursday 17th, the day after our January meeting. Teams selected are as follows:

R. Downey	-	E. Waterworth	-	J. Tate
J. Laidler	-	L. Roy	-	M. Boyd
L. Nankivell	-	E. Hogan	-	A. Court
R. Holmes	-	C. Turner	-	H. Hesse
W. Winzar	-	R. Fitzgerald	-	P. Bath

2 Bowls Triples - 9.30am assemble for 10am start.

Casual Dress. Teams in Advertiser on Monday 14th January

BILL CLEMENS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 9.30am on Wednesday 20th March 2002. All positions in the Club will be declared vacant at the Meeting and members are invited to apply to any position.

In addition, the Club may be seeking volunteer/s to fill positions other than the

Committee and your indication on the nomination form is invited.

Nomination forms are enclosed with this issue of 'PROBE'. Completed nomination forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 13th March 2002, (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

TRIPS ITEMS

PROBUS CLUB OF DENILIQUIN - FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friday March 19th

** Insufficient interest - Those attending to make own arrangements

ROCHESTER PROBUS CLUB - FRIENDSHIP DAY

Thursday 21st March

At Rochester Golf Club. Time: 10.00am to 3.30pm

** Own Transport

BBQ lunch provided. Entertainment, competitions and displays.

Cost: \$6.00 per person.

Reply to Margaret Stone PO Box 263 Rochester by Friday 1st March

THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2002 - TRIP TO LOCAL BENDIGO VENUES.

LUNCH: At the House of Khong

** A special outing has been arranged to include those who are unable to participate on the longer duration coach trips.

** First a visit to the Bendigo Pottery with its new exciting 'Interpretive Museum' and theatre. A time line of the pottery's development with photos, documents and products. Soundscapes and mannequins help transport visitors back in time and displays of early pottery equipment.

** Use own cars. Report at Pottery 9.00am

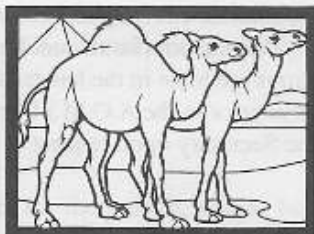
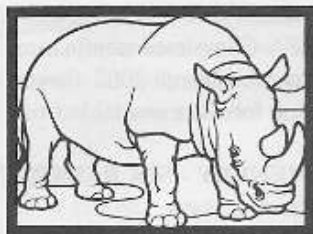
At Conclusion of Pottery visit, return to Bendigo and park cars. We then visit an attraction of national importance, the making of a nation, the 'Federation Exhibition' in the old Post Office building. The extent of the exhibition is impressive with quality interactive displays giving a comparison of the life in Bendigo in 1901 to that of today and covering all aspects of Bendigo's growth and its place in history. A particular feature, the father of Federation Sir John Quick. (conducted tour) Seating available.

** After our visit to Federation Exhibition, a very short walk to the House of Khong in Hargreaves Street, where at 12.30pm we partake of a 'Chinese Banquet style meal'. Choice of 17 courses, as much as you can eat.

** Minimum travel, a quality, leisurely low cost outing with a great variety of items of interest to satisfy all, followed by a nice meal with time to fraternise.

COST: \$17.00 per person for tours and meal. (\$9.00 meal only)

LIST: Meeting Wednesday 16th January **PAYMENTS:** Meeting Wednesday 20th February.



**A PROBUS TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA
'AFRICAN WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE'**

14 DAY TRIP FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2002

Again travelling with Evergreen/Scenic Tours. This tour arranged on request from several who travelled on Canada/Alaska Tour. Specially designed by a South African on Evergreen's staff. Great variety with Safari Tours of Kruger Park and Itala Game Reserve with qualified rangers. Visits to Pretoria, Durban, Capetown, Cape Peninsula, Victoria Falls major places of interest.

COST: \$5495 per person, which is a very highly competitive price.

Includes: Bendigo to Bendigo return and internal South African airfares. Entry fees to stated attractions, and almost all meals.

**South Africa Tour: Qualified English speaking guides. Escorted by experienced Scenic Hostess. High quality accommodation and meals. Transport in Luxury Coaches in South Africa.

** Full details are being mailed to all who attended the Reunion and launch of the 'Proposed South African Tour' and will be published in 20th February edition of 'PROBE'.

** Tour is open to members from all Probus Clubs. For further information telephone Arthur Eaton, Tours Organiser on 5443 9162.



The solution to last month's problem:

