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

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The guest speaker today is Peter Ellis who will speak about his music.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The meeting of May 21, 2003 will commence at 11am and will be followed immediately by a special luncheon to mark the 200th Club Meeting

VENUE: Masonic Center,

McIvor Rd Bendigo

COST: \$25 per person (3 courses)

DRESS: lounge suit with tie.

Pre-luncheon drinks 11.45 am – 12 noon start serving first course.

Open to parties of members and widows of past members.

THE SUBMARINE SERVICE

Our speaker at the November meeting was introduced by President Barry. Colin Fowler, a marine engineer, joined the R.A.N. at the age of 14 and served for 20 years, 9 years of which were in the submarine service, with service in the U.K., Japan, and the Philippines, among others.

The submarine service began in 1914. Two vessels, A1 and A2, launched at Portsmouth, were the first boats. Both were lost in the war.

In 1919 six J-boats were built, most of which never went to sea. After World War II submarines declined in popularity until, in 1959-60 the Australian Government decided to resume the service. The result was the O-boats. Volunteers were called for in 1963 to go to the U.K. for training; Colin was one of these.

Before going to England he had to undergo psychological testing for six months. Then in England there were eight months of theory. All crewmembers had to be capable of doing any task on board.

Quite apart from the risks in wartime, submarine life is dangerous, even in peacetime. Colin recounted some of the experiences, one of which was being stuck on the seabed in the English Channel because shale from the bottom had entered the ballast tanks.

Because of the confined spaces and the resulting proximity the comradeship amongst the crew is very high.

After the talk Bill Redman thanked the speaker and made the usual presentation.



ALEX WILSON has carried out a wonderful job producing Probe during my vacation. Many thanks Alex, from all members and especially from the Editor.



We do not have a formal meeting in December, we have a Christmas Lunch instead, and 2002 was no exception. Members, partners, visitors and widows of past members enjoyed a great meal, with carol singing to the accompaniment by Norm Dack on the piano. We also had a performance of Spanish Dancing by Helen Richardson-Collins, and Rupert Reynolds gave us an up-dated recital of Red Riding Hood and the Three Pigs and the Wolf.



BOWLS NOTES

During November our bowls teams played South Bendigo and at the end of the day scores were tied at 80 shots all after a fierce battle.

Honours as the best Probus rink went to Ted Driscoll, Bill Clemens and Peter Bath.

The December game was against Bendigo Bowls Club and was played in very hot conditions the morning after our Christmas Luncheon, and whether it was the heat or the after effects of the luncheon, I am not sure, but we were defeated by 10 shots 80-90.

Our top rink was skippered by Peter Bath with Bob Chenery and Ray Fitzgerald.

The January game is against Bendigo East on Thursday 16th.

Teams selected hereunder.

Bill Clemens

Report: ON 3 DAY/2 NIGHT COROWA CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER TOUR BY
DREAMTIME TOURS (VIC) WEDNESDAY 27TH TO FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2002

Thirty-nine passengers comprising Members of Probus Club of Bendigo and their Partners together with some from other Probus Clubs and friends of Probus, departed Bendigo at 7.00am Wednesday 27 of November 2002. The tour was organised by Dreamtime Tours of Epping and Coach supplied by Jacobsons Mooroopna, with coach captain Malcolm.

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Day 1: Wednesday 27/11/02. Bendigo to Corowa.

On departing Bendigo we traveled via McIvor Highway to Tooborac and across to Seymour at which we joined the Hume freeway. Our morning tea stop was at a Euroa B.P. Service Station where a selection of goodies were available. Next stop was Benalla where we viewed quality items such as the Rose Gardens, Art Gallery and a full size statue of Weary Dunlop supporting two Prisoners of War. Next was a short run to Glenrowan where we were treated to an excellent animated robotic show and transferred 100 years back in time witnessing events which led to the capture of the Kelly Gang. Also, we viewed memorabilia of the famous Ned Kelly and his bushrangers. A more than adequate meal was then provided at the adjacent "Billy Tea Rooms". Departing Glenrowan, we traveled through Wangaratta to "All Saints Vineyards" in Rutherglen where we were pleased to sample many of their wines. The Historic Buildings and garden surrounds were very nice. The final leg of our trip was to Corowa and to our motels: Greenacres and Mener's. Our Evening Meal was at the Corowa Sports and Citizens Club. A long, but very interesting day.

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Day 2: Thursday 28/11/02 Corowa, Myrtleford, Bright, Milawa, Wangaratta, Corowa.

Departed from Corowa at 8.00am. We traveled to Wangaratta, and from there on the Alpine Highway to Myrtleford, which is the hub of the Tobacco, Hops, Timber and now an expanding wine grape market. It was here where our very capable local guide Veronica joined our coach and provided us with a comprehensive tour of the Myrtleford town and immediate area, showing and explaining details of the various processes of Tobacco production from the seedling stage (seedlings just recently planted out), to drying the of Tobacco Leaves in kilns and of the marketing of the tobacco. Also, en route, she explained Hops production, detailing the processing of cultivating, stringing on 18ft high trellis and harvesting of the Hops. The sections of vines are first cut, then placed in shakers to separate the 'cones'. Veronica was a very capable storyteller, and brought many laughs. Our final stop was at Ponderosa Cabin, which sold an amazing variety of items. Myrtleford was a very pretty, well-kept town. Next stop was Bright with a coach tour of the town. Lunch, for most of us was at the "famous bakery" which produced a great variety of "bakery delights". We departed Bright at 2.45pm for the Milawa Mustard Factory where we viewed and sampled some of the 18 varieties of home made seeded Mustard Preparations. From Milawa to Wangaratta where our coach traveled through some of the city, then the final leg to Corowa, arriving at 4.20 pm. After freshening up we departed at 5.30pm for a 20

minute trip to Boorham Hotel where we were treated to a very nice Christmas dinner with trimmings. The Buffalo Brewery is situated in the Hotel and is Australia's smallest commercially registered brewery. It produces Gold Award Winning beers from the best malting, barley, wheat liquid yeast, hops and pure spring water from a spring on site. Many of our group enthusiastically sampled the brews and purchased some for home consumption. Finally, we arrived back at the motels at 9.45pm. A very interesting and most enjoyable day.

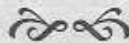


Day 3: Friday 29/11/02

Corowa, Yarrowonga, Shepparton, Bendigo.

On bidding our motels farewell, at 9.00am, we were taken on a short town tour in our coach. Then on to Rutherglen with its many splendid earlier period buildings, we had also had a town tour. En route to Yarrowonga, we witnessed at intervals, some Cereal crops that had defied drought conditions. On arrival at Yarrowonga at 10.15am, we had morning tea, after which we had an extensive visit to the famous "clock museum" with its extensive variety of very old clocks from many world countries. Our hosts at the museum treated us to very detailed explanations on their history and workings. At 12 noon we departed on the M.V. Paradise Queen for a one and a half hours cruise of Lake Mulwala, cruising parts of the lake perimeter on both Yarrowonga and Mulwala sides of the lake. Whilst on board we were provided with a very nice barbecue lunch. After finishing the cruise we traveled on through Shepparton and our Afternoon Tea stop at Mooroopna Ardmona Fruit Sales Centre with its multiplicity of products. Our travelers took the opportunity to stock up their supplies of canned fruits etc. On the final leg of our journey from Shepparton we traveled through Stanhope, Elmore and after a most enjoyable and informative 3-day tour, arrived in Bendigo at 5.40pm. Those who have traveled on the tour considered it to be a most enjoyable, interesting and value for money tour.

Author: Arthur Eaton. 3/12/02



PRELIMINARY NOTICE: Members are reminded that the club's Annual Meeting will be held at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th March 2003.

All positions 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 within this issue of 'Probe'. Completed nomination forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 12th March 2003, (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

Teams against Bendigo East Jan 16th 2003

D. Laity	A. Eaton	M. Boyd
W. Redmond	W. Clemens	H. Hesse
G. Glover	R. Fitzgerald	P. Bath
Z. Hughes	E. Waterworth	A. Court
E. Trewartha	C. Turner	F. O'Connell

Reserves are: L. Roy, J. Laidler, D. O'Neil, R. Chenery, E. Hogan, A. Wilson



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – TRIPS INFORMATION

FILM SHOWING AT LAIROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE. Max: 0/all 168

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2003 - 5.00PM TO 8.00PM. Max (85 for our club)

“A spectacular Film Showing” by Rob and Cynthia Watkins on their Tour of Europe and Scandinavia. Film: 5.00pm - 6.00pm: Own Picnic Tea: 6.00 - 7.00pm: Film 7.00 - 8.00pm, in air-conditioned comfort.

COST: \$2.00/person. List: Sept-Nov meetings. Outstanding payments at Jan 15th meeting please. Parking area: Entry from Edwards Road.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH, 2003, TRIP TO TOOLANGI AND KING LAKE AREA.

Depart 7.30 am from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Home at 5.45pm approx.

** A very interesting day with much variety has been planned for our visit to this Scenic Mountain/Rainforest area which includes:

VISITS TO: Forest Discovery Centre at Toolangi and guided tours of rainforest and of a working Sawmill. Finally, a visit to Sunny's Nursery Garden and Museum at King Lake, (over 1000 pieces Carnival Glass and 2000 Teddy Bears/Dolls - much of interest for all here).

COST: \$26.00/person. INCLUDES: Coach Fare, Morning tea, Entrance Fees.

LUNCH: B.Y.O. Picnic Lunch.

LIST: Tabled at Oct and Nov meetings. (31 bookings received)

**To make trip viable, Sandhurst Probus Club will provide (18)

Bendigo Bookings received: (2's): I. Bennet, A. Court, A. Crothers, A. Dingle, A. Eaton, J. Forsythe, H. Hesse, D. Laity, D. Martin, I. Nixon, L. Nankivell, J. Wallace, A. Wilson, W. Winzar. (Singles): B. Bruhn, B. Michelsen, P. Randall, A. Ryall, W. Spicer, C. Thomson.

Maximum: (49), ** Minimum: (of 40 passengers required for trip)

***I seek the support of members. Emergency bookings required to cover cancellations. PAYMENTS: AT MEETING WED 15TH JANUARY 2003.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - 200TH MEETING - WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2003 (FOLLOWED BY: 3 COURSE LUNCII)

Members and partners are encouraged to participate in Celebrating the occasion of the 200th meeting of our club, which incidentally was the very first Probus club formed in Bendigo.

Meeting to start at 11.00am finish at 11.45am. Sherries: 11.45am Lunch: to start at 12 noon. At 12.30pm: Welcome Guest Speaker.

Pre Lunch Sherries provided, otherwise drinks on a B.Y.O. basis.

Open to: Partners and Widows of former members.

Costs: Normal \$2 entry (rent etc) & \$25/person for meals and function

Listing: post at meeting Wed 15th Jan.

Payments: Wed 16th April.

TRIP TO SOUTHPORT

(GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND - SUNGOLD HARBOUR SIDE RESORT)

SUNDAY 20TH JULY TO SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2003 - 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS.

** Opportunities like this trip seldom come along. A "First Class" trip, one you cannot afford to miss. I highly recommend it.

** Sungold Holidays ** 4 star resort ** All modern facilities.

Situated in the Gold Coast at Southport, on the Broadwater.

**Sungold Package: Accommodation Twin Share, Private Facilities.

**All inclusive: Accommodation, all meals (except lunches), Tours (4 days/week), entry fees, (Coach transfers in Queensland)

** Special Jupiter's Casino high quality Live Show.

** 15 Day/14 Night package: \$649 x 2 Weeks = \$1298 + \$70 = \$1368/person

** Airfares: Melbourne - Coolgatta and return

(Qantas Seniors Advance/Flexible)

Approx: \$420/person

** Special Casino Live show during stay:

\$ 30/person

** Total Cost: 15 Day/14 Night Package:

Approx: \$1818/person

** Add transport Bendigo - Melbourne and return (based on 40)

\$ 32/person

** TOTAL COSTS: Sungold holiday, Air Fare, Transport

= \$ 1850/person

(approx)

DEPOSITS: Due and payable when any future bookings are lodged.

Payments: By cash or cheque made out to Probus Club of Bendigo.

** Air Fares Due for Payment: Wed. 16th March 2003 Meeting.

(Actual Air Fare will be advised mid-January)

** Balance/Final Payments: By 18th June Meeting 2003.

SUNGOLD ITINERARIES: are available.

Maximum: (49) Current Bookings: (36). Vacancies: Enquiries welcome

**** For further information please contact Arthur on 5443 9162

** In order to assist our "collectors", please tender actual amounts due for each trip or Function, when making payments.