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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, Melvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**The Guest Speaker at the January meeting will  
be Denise Slater of Beck Legal.  
Subjects: Power of Attorney, Guardianship, etc.**

Last meeting we had as Guest Speaker Phil McCann, Secretary, Bendigo Gliding Club and he was introduced to the meeting by Acting President, Alec Crothers.

Phil gave a interesting talk regarding the clubs activities at the Raywood strip. The most popular launch was by winch using approx. 1½ kilometres of wire. This will take the glider to approx. 1.500 feet. Most gliders are made from fibre glass and weigh between 300-500 kilograms. The average or ideal height is 10.000 feet or 12.500 feet can be accepted as safe. Anyone over the age of 15 years can learn. After answering many questions, Phil gave our club a gift voucher for flying time at Raywood.

Norm Dack thanked Phil on behalf of our club and made the usual presentation.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE  
NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

# Foundation Members Luncheon

On January 17th following the club meeting we will take lunch at the Brougham Arms Hotel. All welcome. Contact Cliff.

We welcome a new member, Mr Chas Smith. Chas was introduced to the meeting by Arthur Eaton. Chas worked with the railways for 40 years and is a bowler and has already played a game for Probus with us.

## WELFARE NEWS

2006 has passed leaving behind memories of several deceased members who had passed away during the year.

Our President and members extend deepest sympathy to all families who experienced bereavements during the year and extend to all a wish that the New Year will be much brighter for them.

It is comforting to report that members of our Club were well represented at all services held and thus sharing with our friends their hour of sorrow.

The following members passed away during 2006:-

Gordon Rayson	Bob Arundell	Don Donaldson
Ted Driscoll	Gordon Glover	Rupert Holland
Bill Jacka	Jack Rose	Clark Jeffrey

Herb Hesse

## BOWLS NEWS

These are the teams for the 25th of January at Golden Square, assemble at 9.30am for a 10am start. Play to the bell, two bowl triples, casual dress.

D. Laity	M. McDonald	Ray Fitzgerald C
J. Laidler	B. Clemons	H. Hesse C
R. Chenery	Z. Hughes	C. Smith C
A. Court	J. Kelly	F. O'Connell C

Ray Fitzgerald, Bowls Co-ordinator.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months.

### FEBRUARY 2007

02	Tom Roberts	86
08	Cyril Slade	85
18	John Hardy	83
25	Cliff Neivandt	81
26	Ken Proud	86

### MARCH 2007

02	Peter Randall	73
17	John Sanderson	83
23	Ray Fitzgerald	85
23	Jim Harrison	85
25	Jim Aitken	82

Congratulations to all of above.

**Note:** If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

Belated birthday wishes for Ian Carter for December 5th, 2006.

## *To Len and Margaret Hodren - Bon Voyage - Best Wishes*

At our successful 2006 Probus Christmas Luncheon Party our President surprisingly announced that Margaret and he had now organised their long awaited permanent return to homeland New Zealand early in January 2007.

Len joined our Probus Club in July 2000 and quickly became a loyal and regular member. He served the Club as Vice-President and currently as our President with dignity and enthusiasm.

Thank you Len for your conscientious support since joining our Club.

The Club wishes both you and Margaret a long and happy retirement in the "Land of the long white cloud".

**Bryan Armstrong and Bob Chenery.**

## **PRELIMINARY NOTICE:**

Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday 21st March 2007.

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 within this issue of "Probe". Completed nomination forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 14th March 2007, (seven days prior to the A.G.M.). Further blank copies of the nomination forms are available from the Secretary upon request.

**Bob Chenery - Secretary.**



## **PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO**

### **GIPPSLAND TOUR:**

**MONDAY 7th MAY TO WEDNESDAY 9th MAY, 2007**

**(3 Days/2Nights) Staying in Morwell. Maximum: (52)**

**Cost based on Twin Share, Minimum of (30): \$290.00. Single Supplement \$ 60)**

**Includes:** *All Coach Travel, Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch, some drinks, Morning and Afternoon Teas and Entrance Fees, and a proven Local Tour Guide Val Murphy, with whom we have traveled before.*

**Day 1: Monday: Depart at 7.30am from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street.** We travel via the Princes Highway, stop at Bunyip for M/T then on to Foxes Musical Village, Australia's only one. View their collection of antique pianos, organs & other musical instruments Enjoy light entertainment and a basket lunch provided by the village. Afterwards we continue on to Morwell to our comfy hotel where we stay for the next two nights. Dinner is a two course meal.

**Day 2: Tuesday.** After breakfast, we depart at 9.00am to travel to some of Gippsland's most beautiful National Parks. We meet a Ranger at Tarra Valley/Bulga National Park who explains the features of this unique park. We also enjoy a video of the flora and fauna found here. Morning tea, a stroll through the beautiful tree fern gullies with water falls to the suspension bridge before heading to Port Albert for lunch at the hotel. We visit the excellent Maritime Museum and enjoy a walk along the beach. Then on to Yarram Old Court House and Information Centre (crafts available), before traveling home through the Loy Yang Power House and open cut mine (seen which can be seen from the coach).

Dinner: a two course meal, followed by a surprise and fun night.

**Day 3: Wednesday.** After breakfast we travel to Boolara Fern Nursery where many interesting ferns are grown and sold, a guided tour is included with complimentary tea or coffee. Next stop is the Boolara Fish Farm, the owners breed many different kinds of fish which they export to many countries. Then on to Thorpdale potato growing area which has beautiful scenic views, before a stop at our Hostess Val's large country garden, here we enjoy Val's speciality "Potato Ice Cream", before lunch at the Trafalgar Hotel. Our Gippsland Tour concludes with a visit to "The Rosary", situated on 10 acres of gardens (with lake).

Antiques crafts and nursery products available for purchase, complimentary tea or coffee before departure, arriving home late afternoon.

**Note: Sandhurst Probus Club have an Allocation for (26 persons.)**

**Probus Club of Bendigo Bookings; (21) have been received from:**

B. Armstrong (1), I. Bennet (2), C. Binks (2), R. Chenery (1), A. Cowling (2), A. Crothers (2), K. Gloster (2), A. Eaton (2), H. Hesse, (2), D. Laity (2), M. Miller (1), I. Nixon (2).

**\*\* Please confirm your bookings for Trip Date: Mon 7th to Wed 9th May, 2007**

**\*\* Probus Club Bendigo Vacancies: (4) and emergencies invited**

**\*\* After meeting Wed 17th January resultant vacancies will be offered to friends of Probus.**

**List: was first tabled Wed 15th November.. Initially, I sought expressions of interest to gauge possible support. \*\* Confirmation of bookings is now required.**

**Note: To ensure adequate numbers, Sandhurst Probus Club shared half of bookings. Payments: Due by or at Probus Club of Bendigo meeting Wednesday 14th March, 2007.**

**Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton. For inquiries telephone: 5443 9162**