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A special General meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December, at 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**The Guest Speaker for the 19th January Meeting will be
Angelia Williams from Consumer Affairs Office in Bendigo**

**THE BAROSSA PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011 Inc.
9th October—14th October
NURIOOTPA, BAROSSA VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

<http://www.probusouthpacific.org/activitiesrendezvous.html>

Probus Rendezvous - How it all began

It all started at the Probus District 950 (now District 9500) Seminar, hosted by West Lakes Club, in 1988 when tentative suggestions were put forward by Mr. Harry Drury of Tea Tree Gully and the idea of holding a "GET TOGETHER" for Australian and Overseas Probians was conceived.

An initial steering Committee (H. Drury – Chairman, F. Painter, C. LePage and P. Clisby) held its first meeting at the Vine Inn, Nuriootpa, during October 1989. Two members (H. Drury and P. Clisby) were asked to attend the District 952 (now District 9520) Seminar at Morphettville Racecourse where this idea was enthusiastically accepted. Three new members joined the Committee (H. Wishart, Zeta Brown and K. Coppin). Past President of Tea Tree Club (Lance James) volunteered his services as Secretary, together with the help of Ralph Thornthwaite (and his computer!). Further members included Dorothy Price (Modbury), R. Bache (Gawler), R. Davis (Gawler), G. Nilsson (Barossa) and D. Evans (T.T.G.) who offered his services as Treasurer. The Committee met once and at times twice a month at Tanunda Town Hall by courtesy of the Mayor of Tanunda.

Neither a Seminar, nor a Convention was envisaged by the Committee but rather a "Get Together" of Probians, thus upholding the spirit of fellowship and friendliness of Probus. Another major consideration was the cost of the venture and much thought was given to prepare a "low budget" weekend with a variety of activities.

The name "91 Rendezvous Herzlich Willkommen" (Hearty Welcome) was finally chosen as it seemed to embrace the whole spirit of this "Get Together" held 19th – 21st April 1991.

Thus began the first "Rendezvous" and the 2011 Organising Committee wish you "Herzlich Willkommen" to the Coming of Age Rendezvous.

Full details and registration forms available at the 19th January Meeting

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Hi

Happy New Year to all the good members of the Probus Club of Bendigo, lets have a great time throughout the entire year!

I hope a good number of members and/or wives/partners attend the new Coffee and Chat Group on **Thursday 13th January at the Beechworth Bakery at 10.30am**

As our AGM is rapidly approaching I have reviewed our adopted Constitution and noticed that we are now required to call for Nominations for Election of the Committee Item 5, A to M, with particular reference to Item 5 C which states; Quote " Nominations for positions on the Committee for the ensuing year shall be called for at the meeting preceding the February meeting, such nominations to be lodged with the Secretary no later than the February meeting. These positions shall be filled by ballot, if necessary, at the AGM." As outgoing President I call on Members to consider nominating for any positions or assistants for positions to learn what is entailed; ***any Club is only as strong as it's Members; many hands make light work!!***

Kind regards
Ern

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Murphy's Law

1. Every solution breeds new problems.
2. An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less until he knows absolutely everything about nothing !

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CLUB FINANCE : No report but the good news is the Treasurer is still in town !!
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SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery !

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !!

JANUARY
13th Bett Hall
15th Don Ridge
27th Zane Hughes
29th Cliff Binks

FEBRUARY
4th Nigel Christie
18th John Hardy
25th Graham Osborne
25th Cliff Nievandt
26th Ken Proud

Upcoming Activities Other Clubs:

Spring Gully: Contacts Margaret Jenkins 54438089 or Gwen Baker 54437256

EXOTIC MAURITIUS 29/6—12/7/11 14days/13nights \$4195pp

White Hills: Contact Heather Smith 54496239

SANDAKAN STORY IN BORNEO 6/6—24/6/11 9days/8nights \$3199pp

Bendigo Ladies: Contact Marjorie Byrne

PORT STEPHENS & HUNTER VALLEY 27/3— 5/4/11 10days/9nights \$1020pp

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Wednesday 2nd February
Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

LAWN BOWLS: MEMBERS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING PLEASE CONTACT RAY FITZGERALD Ph 5447 0680 or rayftz@gmail.com

**BENDIGO & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUBS
BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2A10I2011
HOSTED BY STRATHFIELDSAYE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.
BENDIGO EAST BOWLING CLUB
THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2011
9.30AM FOR 10,15AM START**

**CLUBS WILL COMPETE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP PERPETUAL SHIELD.
WINNER WILL BE THE CLUB WITH THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE POINTS OVER 3 GAMES.
SECTION WINNERS WILL RECEIVE PROBUS TROPHIES.**

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- 1. TEAMS WILL COMPRISE PROBUS MEMBERS—MALE, FEMALE OR COMPOSITE.**
- 2. REGULATION DRESS**
- 3. EACH SIDE TO CONSIST OF 4 TEAMS OF 4 PLAYERS.**
- 4. LIMITED TO 28 TEAMS.**

**SECTIONAL PLAY FIRST GAME OF 12 ENDS BEFORE LUNCH. 2 GAMES OF 10 ENDS
AFTER LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA AND PRESENTATIONS.**

CATERING BENDIGO EAST BOWLS CLUB INC.

TOTAL COST \$15.00 PER PLAYER

ENTRY ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM . 18th FEBRUARY 2011

(or when filled) SKIPPERS NAMES ONLY

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MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

The inaugural gathering is to be held on Thursday 13th January at the Beechworth Bakery at 10.30am It is hoped that this will be a regular monthly event. All members, partners and friends welcome! Any comments/suggestions phone Denise on 54493925

LONERS GROUP

Those members on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett name.

Luncheon Members and Friends.

The January Luncheon is to be held at the All Seasons, McIvor Road, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday January 19th. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 17th. January. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642.

This helps to book for the correct number.

Computer Help :

Are you needing help with any computer problems or are you thinking of getting a computer or using your computer so you can have Email and/or Skype contact with your family wherever they are in the world but are scared/apprehensive to do so? Don't be scared or apprehensive, don't let the grand kids get the better of you, just give the Editor of Probe, Mike Watt a ring and I will ensure that you have the help you need in the simplest of ways and free of charge !!!! Ph 5449 3925 Mob 0419431842 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au



**THE HAPPY CAMPERS ON THE RECENT
MURRAY RIVER / SOUTH AUSTRALIA
TRIP!**

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2010 – BENDIGO CHINESE MUSEUM & GARDENS

Assemble at Entrance: 10.15am

A Conducted Tour of the Chinese Museum, Gardens and the recently completed new precinct.
(I have requested, that if practicable Russell Jack be our Guide for the Tour.)

LUNCH: (Two Course) At the conclusion of tour we will stay at the venue for a Lunch.

COST: Tour & Lunch: \$25 /person. (33) Bookings have been received from:

C. Adams (2), C. Bird (1), I. Bennett (1), G. Bloomfield (1), N. Bruhn (2), W. Clemens (2), A. Court (1), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), J. Goodrich (1), N. Gillies (1), R. Fitzgerald (2), B. Hall (1), D. Laity (2), M. Miller (1), C. Smith (2), R. Pollock (1), P. Thornton (1), C. Thomson (1), Y. Wallace (1), H. Ward (1), M. Watt (2), R. Watkins (2), H. Ward (1), J. White (1)

PAYMENTS required at meeting Wed Jan. 19th, 2011

***** Please assist the Collectors by tendering correct amounts when making payments.**

MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS - (Proud Australia Holidays.) Tel: 1800 677 683

5 DAY/5 NIGHTS MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON "MURRAY EXPEDITION."

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 29TH April, 2011- Based on: Min:(10), Max: (32)

Price per Person: \$1685/Person Twin Share Repeat Trip organised by popular request.

Includes: Boat Cruise, Side Tours, Accommodation and "All Meals."

Travel: Bendigo to Murray Bridge & return: By Private Cars.

RIVER CRUISE:

Departs Murray Bridge: Sunday 24th April at 7.30pm (Murray Bridge to Blanchtown.)

Returns Murray Bridge Fridays 29th April at 4.00pm

Friday 29th Motel Accommodation Murray Bridge overnight (Bed & Breakfast)

Add: \$130/person.) * Those who do not desire to stay Friday night-please advise Arthur**

To secure Cabin allocations on Boat: We would require to be positive and act very soon.

****Booking Forms & Payment Details available at Meeting Wednesday 19th January, 2011-**

**** Complete Booking and together with a required Deposit of \$200 per person send to:**

****Proud Australia Holidays, 18 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, South Australia. 5000**

****Documents & Instructions would then be sent direct to each traveller by Proud Australia Holidays**

****ITINERARIES – DETAILS: Available at Meeting Wed. 19th January.**

**** A most interesting and enjoyable trip is assured – Repeated by "popular request."**

Current Booking Requests: I. Bennett (1), N Bruhn (2), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), H. Ward (1), Geoff Rumbold (2)_ LIST AT MEETING WED. 19TH JANUARY

TRIP TO MELBOURNE ZOO- THURSDAY 17TH MARCH, 2011

Travel by Train : Bendigo to (Royal Park Suburban) – from there immediate entry to Zoo.

Depart Bendigo: 7.45am Train to Melbourne Return: 3.15pm ex Melb. Arr. Bendigo

5.09pm

**** Essential: To be early on day of travel to secure your Rail Bookings**

COSTS:

**** Use your Rail Passes or Seniors Concessions. Make own payments at Bendigo Rail Station**

**** ZOO ENTRY FEE: Seniors Concession: \$23.00 – Pay at Probus Meeting Wed 16th Feb.**

**** Meals, Snacks etc available.**

**** An interesting outing is assured, I will guide the Group throughout the day.**

LIST: At Meeting Wednesday 19th January. PAYMENTS: Meeting Wed: 16th FEB.

***** Please assist the Collectors by tendering correct amounts when making payments. *****

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162

Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.
NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS
2011/2012

I would like to nominate the following persons for the 2011/2012 Committee.

POSTION	NOMINEE'S NAME (please print)	NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE (Nominees Signature)
PRESIDENT		
VICE-PRESIDENT		
TREASURER		
SECRETARY		
COMMITTEE (Five positions)	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
AUDITOR		
PUBLIC OFFICER		

Above Members nominated by :

Above Members seconded by:

Note: Completed nomination forms MUST be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the February Meeting on Wednesday 16th February 2011 (Rule 5c Statement of Purposes and Rules). These positions will be filled by ballot, if necessary, at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th March 2011

VOLUNTEERS may also be required for some of the following positions: (please circle whichever position you would prefer).

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| Guest Speaker Organiser | "Probe" Editor | Welfare Officers |
| "Thanks to Guest Speakers" | "Badger" | Historian |
| Tour & Trips Organiser | Welcoming Officers | |

Additional blank copies of this nomination form are available from the Secretary upon request.

Bob Chenery (Secretary)