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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

What a great Christmas dinner, the food was good, the fellowship tops, and the venue as always spot on. The big event of the day of course was the presentation of medals to our three Life Members **Bob Chenery, Ken Coles, and Arthur Eaton**, Bob and Ken were presented with their Life Member medals in recognition of their continued service to our Club. Arthur had already received his some years back, but we had a little surprise for Arthur, he did not know that we had the Australian Community Service Medal to present to him.

All these members have done great service in their life time, both to our Club and the community in general, and were very well deserved.

Well it's getting to that time of the year that we will be looking for nominations for positions on our committee and those other positions, whilst not on the Committee, are vital to the efficient running of our Club. I would like you to think about that, especially the newer members and get involved in the running of our Club. Nominations must be in to the Secretary no later than the February meeting.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be your President this last year, I have enjoyed the experience and I would like to thank our Secretary Mike for his help and guidance whilst I have been in the chair, it has made my job a lot easier

Regards and Thanks
President Ray Fitzgerald

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

In the last Probe I gave the wrong link for the Probus Assoc. of Victoria website. The correct one and well worth a visit is : <http://probusvic.com.au/>

In accord with our Statement of Purposes and Rules (Constitution) Item 5.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE (Nomination Forms are attached to this Probe)

- An Annual Meeting for the election of the Committee shall be held on or before March 31st of each year.
- Members elected shall take office from April 1st each year.
- 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 Annual General Meeting.**

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday 11th January 2.00pm Bendigo Neighbourhood House.

ALTERATION TO STANDING RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT JANUARY MEETING

- Standing Resolution 6. Brian McGrath is appointed Public Officer (16th March 2011) be rescinded and replaced with: "The Secretary of the club is appointed Public Officer".
- A new Standing Resolution 11: "The Cheque signatories of the Club are authorised to use internet banking, in lieu of cheques, for payment of accounts, however still requiring any two to authorise."
- Standing Resolution 11 (16th June 2010) be renumbered Standing Resolution 12

Members are reminded that the present Standing Resolution 11 allows for the above to be considered:

11. These Standing Resolutions may be amended at any general meeting of this club, a quorum being present, by the affirmative vote of greater than 50 per cent of the members present and voting. (16th June 2010)

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next will be Thursday 12th January at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!!

LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.

Luncheon after the January meeting (approx. 12.30pm) will be held at The Bendigo Club. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending , so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

LONERS GROUP

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of 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's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

COMPUTING WORKSHOP & COMPUTING FOR RAW BEGINERS: In recess until late March. Mike still available for computer help if needed.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Again due to popular demand put Sunday 4th March 9 a.m. in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. No excuses as this gives you PLENTY notice ☺ Comments/suggestions/bookings to Denise 54493925 List available at both January and February meeting.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.

2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.

LETS MAKE JANUARY SIXTY + !!!!!!!!!

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !

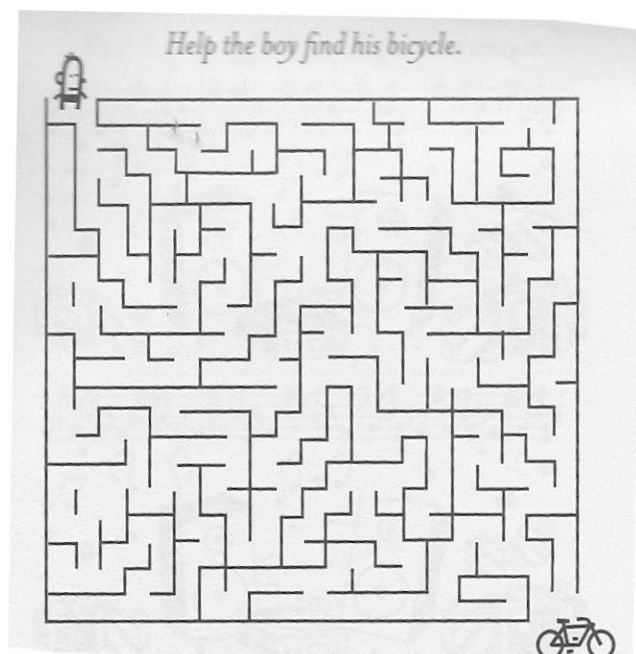
JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery



Bendigo Ladies Probus Club: TOUR TO MORNINGTON PENINSULA

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 2012

COST: \$655 Per Person – Twin Share – Single Supp: Add \$40/night

Seat Belt equipped Coach – Pick Up: Bendigo Rail Station at 8am Monday 20th Feb.

Price Includes: 4 Nights Quality 4 Star Accommodation at Harbour Motor Inn

Payments By Cheque: *Made Payable to Bendigo Ladies Probus Club.*

For this Tour: Enquiries to: Brenda Dohnt (Bendigo Ladies) Phone: 5442 1943

COMBINED TOUR – SPRING GULLY PROBUS – PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO TRIP TO BACCHUS MARSH – THURSDAY 15TH MARCH, 2012

**** Approximately (12) available for Probus Club of Bendigo.**

Depart: 8.45am. From: Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park. **Return home:** 5.30pm Approx.

Cost: Est. \$35/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Morning Tea, and a Picnic Lunch. Tea, Coffee, soft drinks and fruit will also be supplied

A Local Guide: will join the Coach and take us to see some of the many interesting sights of the area and the town, and tell us stories of the past.

List: At Meeting 18th January 2012 **PAYMENTS:** At meeting 15th February, 2012

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Tours Organiser: Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162

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Christmas Luncheon Highlight:

President Ray presented both Ken Coles and Bob Chenery Life Membership Medals in recognition of their continued service to our Club since becoming Life Members.

Arthur Eaton, already a holder of a Life Membership Medal, was presented with an Australian Community Service Medal in recognition of his outstanding record of service to the community with so many organisations and over so many years.

WELL DONE GENTLEMEN AND A HUGE THANK YOU FROM US ALL !!!

MINUTES OF THE 287th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 16th November 2011

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 52 members and 1 guest (G Post) attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 16 members: J. Aitken, C. Bird, B. Bruhn, E. Bruhn, B & T. Chenery, A. Cowling, N. Dack, B. Hall, J. Hardy, E & K Holland, B. Smith, R. Twitt, J. Wallace, H. Ward.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Noel Bruhn, Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Dorothy Crothers has volunteered to act as Club Correspondent and file the Guest Speaker report for Probe.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- IN:**
1. Seven monthly Bulletins from local clubs. Tabled and extracts in Probe where appropriate.
 2. PSPL re Active Retiree now on line.
 3. PSPL re Travel Insurance.
 4. Dorothy Mason re Probus.
 5. G Post re Probus.
 6. PSPL re BPay and Standing Resolutions.
 7. Red Cross re possible guest speaker.
- OUT**
1. D. Mason and G. Post re our Club and Probus.
 2. White Hills Probus with details of Hall charges etc..

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by George Himsworth. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement from 1st October to 31st October 2011 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$359.82) (Total Expenditure \$557.31) Account Balance \$1656.76

Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$470.00) (Total Expenditure \$1495.00) Account Balance \$2552.37

Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$1459.13 Deposit a/c 2750.00

The financial report was received and approved. Moved by the Treasurer, seconded Ern Holland, carried.

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall gave an update on those of our members currently on the sick list..

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reported that the last luncheon had an attendance of 22 and she had booked for 24 this month. She encouraged more members to come to future luncheons!

Loners Group ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm.

Computing Workshop/Probe/Website MIKE WATT advised that a December Probe would be published. Last computer classes about to be held and would remain in recess until probably March however Mike would still be available to members with computer problems/questions.

Coffee/Chat Group and Badger DENISE WATT reported that 16 members attended the Beechworth Bakery on THURSDAY 10th November.

There will be no Coffee/Chat in December and the next one will be Thursday 12th January 10.30am at The Beechworth Bakery. Denise also advised members that the next Sunday Breakfast is to be held on Sunday 4th March at The All Seasons, only \$12 for a full Buffet Breakfast.

Bowls Group President Ray advised we won the two bowl triples by default as the other side failed to field a team. Members were asked to consider entering the Bowls Championship to be held on Feb 16...contact Ray please.

Tours/Trips Report ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Full details in Probe. Arthur moved "that all tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Secretary Mike advised that the Club is considering advertising for new members in Jan/Feb in both press and radio. He also reminded members that nominations for all Club positions including the Committee are to be called for at the January meeting and had to be handed in to him no later than the February meeting. Voting if necessary will be at the AGM in March. Members requiring badges to let the secretary know asap.

STEWARDS: L. Stork, P. Thornton, J. White, I. Bennett, G. Bloomfield, P. Brookes.

CLOSE: There being no further business, President RAY declared the meeting closed at 10-44 am.

CONFIRMED.....President 18th January 2012

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I would like to nominate the following persons for the 2012/2013 Committee.

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VICE-PRESIDENT		
TREASURER		
SECRETARY		
COMMITTEE	1.	
(Five positions)	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
AUDITOR		
PUBLIC OFFICER		

Above Members nominated by :

Above Members seconded by:

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

Guest Speaker Organiser	"Probe" Editor	Welfare Officer
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**The Speaker for the 18th January is:-
John Cartwright on the subject of Optometry
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!
(No excuse now for not attending.)**

**Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Friday 27th January 2012**

Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

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Our 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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