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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Bev and I wish all Members, Partners and families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and all the very best of Health and Happiness for the New Year

Regards and Thanks
President Noel Bruhn

SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

PSPLtd have just put to air a completely revised website at www.probusouthpacific.org Members are encouraged to visit the site and explore it fully. Feel free to send feedback of your impressions to PSPLtd

PSPLtd Travel Insurance details effective immediately and until the end of 2013 are available from myself or from our club website or from PSPLtd and/or their website.

Our Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 9th January 2 p.m. at Bendigo Neighbourhood House.

At the PAV Delegates meeting on 27th November in Melbourne Denise was elected to the PAV Committee and will be attending monthly on your behalf. I will also attend with her at the quarterly delegates meetings.

Rob and Cynthia Watkins NEW email address is robcyn45@gmail.com

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR JANUARY GENERAL MEETING:

"It is moved that the RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE of The Probus Club Of Bendigo Inc. with regard to the proposed changes to our Statement of Purposes and Rules (Constitution) by PSPLtd be approved subject to possible amendment from the floor". Proposed: Mike Watt Secretary and Seconded: Noel Bruhn President.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

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.

2012 Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65; Apr 53; May 56; Jun 55; Jul 49; Aug 49; Sep 50; Oct 56; Nov 55.

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

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

TRAVEL REPORT DECEMBER 2012 - JANUARY 2013

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BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!

DECEMBER

3rd Grae Dack
4th Ken Gloster
9th Carmel Thomson
12th Hugh Ward

17th Bill Clemens
23rd Barry Coghlan
26th Alan Court

JANUARY

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

Ladies Only Luncheon (LOL) Group

Next LOL we will be at **The Rifle Brigade Hotel, 137 View Street**. That will be **Friday February 1st at 12 pm**. Anyone who would require a lift please let Denise know. Ph: 5449 3925 email: denisewatt4@gmail.com

Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

Contacts: Arthur Eaton 5443 9162 or Bob Santon 5447 1914

FRIDAYS:

21st, 28th Dec & 4th, 11th Jan Kennington Reservoir

18th, 25th, Jan & 2nd, 9th, 16th, Feb Lake Weeroona.

Garden Group combined with Spring Gully Probus:

In Recess.

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next on **Thursday February 14th at Strath Village at 10.15 am**, (**St Valentine's Day**) see you there!

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

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!

BOWLS GROUP

Bowls morning, VRI Bowling Club. **Thursday 7th of February 2013 10am. Non Bowlers welcome, bowls supplied, just bring a pair of flat soled shoes.** Names to Bob Santon on 54471914.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Put **Sunday 3rd February 2013 at 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road**.

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem or request. Mike will be away from 24th Dec till 12th January.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMME

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PICNIC IN THE PARK – WEDNESDAY 23/01/2013 5.30 p.m.

Strathdale Park - Corner of MC IVOR HIGHWAY and CROOK STREET

Bring your own CHAIR, FOOD, DRINK and smiling New Year Faces.

Who will be there?, **you** if you have a bit of spare time, and maybe

some other friends . **IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT PLEASE RING ME AILSA 54437046**

15/04/2013 BRIGHT IN AUTUMN TOUR - We have been invited to join the Bendigo Ladies on a Caldwell's tour. This is a great time to see the trees in their entire colour and will be very popular SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE Cost \$ 700.00 per person twin share

22/4/2013 -28/04/2013 ADELAIDE and CORNISH FESTIVAL ON THE YORK PENINSULAR this tour is being run by KINGSTON TOURS -THEY WILL PICK YOU UP AND DROP YOU BACK TO YOUR DOOR SO YOU HAVE NO HASSLES. THEY CATER FOR PEOPLE WITH WHEEL CHAIRS AND HAVE A HOSTESS ON BOARD.

17/10/2013 -24/10/2013 RURAL RIVERS RUN - MURRUMBIDGEE AND THE MURRAY I am waiting for full details of this tour so let me know if you are interested (this also is a Kingston Tour)

13/10/2013 -18/10/2013 Annual PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2013 this is being held in Albury Wodonga.

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT ME OR YOU MAY MISS OUT
AILSA COGHLAN Tel: 5443 7046 Email: ailsa.coghlan@bigpond.com

THE FOLLOWING PAGES IN THIS ISSUE ARE BEING DISTRUBUTED TO MEMBERS AND APPLICANTS ONLY!

THEY WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN OTHER CLUB'S COPIES.

Secretary/Editor

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in London.

They turn a corner and see a sign that says, Old Timers Bar - ALL DRINKS 10p.

They look at each other and then go in, thinking, this is too good to be true.

The old landlord says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a pint of bitter.

In no time the landlord serves up four frothing pints of bitter and says, "That'll be 10p each, please."

The four guys stare at the landlord for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40p, finish their pints and order another round.

Again, four excellent pints are produced, with the landlord again saying, "That's 40p, please."

They pay the 40p, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two pints and haven't even spent a £1 yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve a pint of Bitter as good as this for a 10p a pint?"

"I'm a retired tailor," the landlord says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for £25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs 10p. Wine, spirits, beer. It's all the same."

"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their pints of beer, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there. Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the landlord, "What's with them?"

The landlord says, "They're retired people from Scotland. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price."

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If you own a mobile phone key in *#06#. A 15 digit serial number will appear. Write it down and keep it in a safe place somewhere. If your phone is stolen call your service provider and give them the serial number. They will be able to block the handset, even if the thief changes the sim card. You probably won't get the phone back but you'll have the satisfaction that it will be useless to anyone else.

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Paddy and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbour's dog is barking like mad in the garden

Paddy say's "To hell with this!" and storms off

He comes back upstairs 10 minutes later and his wife asks "What did you do?"

Paddy replies "I've put the dog in our garden. Lets see how they like it!"

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*Denise and I wish all Probian's a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
We also wish to thank all for the support, understanding, and patience in a year that for me personally has been a TRIFLE traumatic. We are really looking forward to the Cruise which at one stage I never imagined being on!*

*For those who are upto date I have a message just for you as an attachment to your email edition ☺
Please click on it ☺*



Mike and Denise Watt

Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.

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VIC 3552

Profit & Loss [Cash]

1/03/2012 through 11/12/2012

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| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Income | | |
| Subscriptions | | \$2,210.00 |
| Attendance Fees | | \$2,395.00 |
| Donations | | \$80.00 |
| Tours & Activities | | |
| The Great Stupa | \$160.00 | |
| Gas Light Theatre | \$684.00 | |
| Xmas Luncheon | \$2,010.00 | |
| Total Income | | <u>\$7,539.00</u> |
| Cost Of Sales | | |
| Total Cost Of Sales | | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Gross Profit | | <u>\$7,539.00</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Venue Hire | | \$839.00 |
| Catering | | \$956.00 |
| Printing & Stationery | | \$212.01 |
| Postage | | \$521.74 |
| Affiliation & Insurance | | \$987.20 |
| Consumer Affairs | | \$42.80 |
| Badges etc. | | \$278.07 |
| Web Site | | \$120.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | \$137.45 |
| Tours & Activities | | |
| The Great Stupa | \$160.00 | |
| The Capital Theatre | \$684.00 | |
| Xmas Luncheon | \$2,035.50 | |
| Total Tours & Activities | | <u>\$2,879.50</u> |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$6,973.77</u> |
| Operating Profit | | <u>\$565.23</u> |
| Other Income | | |
| Interest Income | | \$123.81 |
| Total Other Income | | <u>\$123.81</u> |
| Net Profit (Loss) | | <u>\$689.04</u> |

Balance Sheet

As of 11/12/2012

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|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Assets | | |
| General Cheque Account | | \$2,216.45 |
| Term Deposit | | \$2,750.00 |
| Total Assets | | <u>\$4,966.45</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Net Assets | | <u>\$4,966.45</u> |
| Equity | | |
| Retained Earnings | | \$4,277.41 |
| Current Earnings | | \$689.04 |
| Total Equity | | <u>\$4,966.45</u> |

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.
HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2012.**

The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 53 members and 2 guests, N & D Warne, attended and were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 43 members: J. Aitken, J.Andrews, G.Biles, C.Binks, G.Bloomfield, E.Bruhn, N.Christie, B.Clemens, B.Coghlan, A Cowling, G..Dack, I.Dean, A.Fisher, J.Fitzgerald, J&KGloster, J.Hardy, F&G.Himsworth, K.Holland, Z.Hughes, J.Kelly, N.Lamming, C.McLean, R.Michell, M.Powrie, D.Ridge, L.Roy, A.Ryall, J.Stephens, C.Thomson, P.Thornton, J&Y .Wallace, H.Ward. .

MEMBERS' GUESTS. N & D Warne (**Secretary**)

CLUB JESTER : Bob Chenery provided light relief with a well chosen joke.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed . Moved by the Asst. Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded by Ern Holland. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: (1) sub-committee charged with review of changes to Constitution . Changes yet to finalise recommendations, Dep't of Justice has input, information in Janaury Probe.

(2) Secretary has met with PSP Ltd Board Chairman & Executives –satisfactory result re- Probus Software.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN. 1. 4 newsletters, 2 travel brochures, 6 emails forwarded to Travel and Guest Speakers Co-ordinators.

2. 1 Bowls Brochure.

3. Neighbourhood House – re- next year's bookings.

OUT. Letter to potential new member.

Matters arising Nil.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary Mike Watt, seconded by Denise Watt.. Carried.

REPORTS:

President: Nil.

Treasurer: In the Treasurer's absence Brian McGrath moved that the Financial Statement distributed in the November 2012 Issue of the Probe for period ended 31st October 2012 be received and approved, seconded by Peter Randall. Carried.

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall reported on current status of Cliff Binks, Jack Wallace, Ken Gloster and Bill Clemens.

Members Luncheon: Dorothy Crothers reported last month's luncheon was at the RSL Complex Havilah Road. Reservations for 22 today. The Foundry Arms Hotel staff phoned yesterday for exact numbers as Hotel is very busy this time of year.

Loners Group Ian Bennett reported 2 ladies attended last Thursday, group won 3 meat trays, 1st Thursday of month Fish Trays, 2 members won. Other Loners welcome.

Bowls: Bob Santon reported 7th November game cancelled. He has booked a game at VRI on 7th February 2013, needs 6 persons to attend.

Computing: Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance over the phone. Members with Internet encouraged to visit Web Site. Mike stated the Probus Club Software he has been producing is ready. After Royalty paid to PSP Ltd .net profits will go to our Club.

Coffee Group /Chat and Badger: Denise Watt reported there were 20 members present at last week's gathering at Strath Village. Next gathering on 14th February 2013. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on 3th February 2013.

Ladies only Luncheons Denise reported next Luncheon at Kangaroo Flat Hotel on 30th November.

Tours/Trips Report . Ailsa Coghlan reported Members had an enjoyable evening with the members of the Keith Probus Club at All Seasons. A small group will attend Opera in the Alps in 2013 , A Mystery Tour in February, Winery Tour in March, A 4 day trip to Bright at Autumn, Possible Fosterville Gold Mine visit, Rural Rivers Run in October, Probus Rendezvous 2013 Albury Wodonga in October – details of these in future editions of The Probe.

Ailsa Coghlan moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainments details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond., carried.

Gardening: Mike Watt reported last meeting cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Walking Group: Bob Santon reported the group meets on Fridays at 10.00am – a Christmans Lunch will be held at Kangaroo Flat Hotel on Friday 23rd November , 2 course meal for \$15.00. members will walk at 11.00am. Details contact Bob.

Attendance.54 member in attendance at today's meeting.

Reports were received on the motion of Ian Bennett, seconded Arthur Eaton. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

President: Nil.

Secretary: Nil

Treasurer: Nil.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards.

CLOSE: President Noel thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.32 am.

GUEST SPEAKER. Dennis Crouch, Club Member, dressed in his CFA uniform gave an informative address on the work of "THE CFA", permanent staff in the 100's, volunteers 10,000's, supports SES, Police, Ambulance & other services. He spoke on fire preparedness and safety, and the many lessons learnt from the recent Black Saturday fires, He covered the happenings in Bendigo, Redesdale, East Victoria including Kilmore, Kinglake, Marysville, et al.

Dorothy Crothers in moving a vote of thanks to Dennis referred to her preparations of Emergency Bags for Fire and Hospital use and suggested you take the correct one with you if needs be.

CONFIRMED.....President 16th January 2013.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO "GENERAL MEETING" IN MARCH IT WILL SOLELY BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING It will commence promptly at 10.00am. There will undoubtedly be a number of notices of motion re the Statement Of Purposes and Rules (Constitution) and it is also most like that the officers elected will be installed into office including The New President.

The minutes of the February meeting will have been posted with Probe however will not be approved until the APRIL MEETING. Group/Activity Reports will be as per the Probe!!

PAV DELEGATES MEETING AND PSPLtd Chair Margaret Robinson

At the November meeting Margaret Robinson, Chair of the Board answered delegates questions regarding the proposed changes to the Probus Club Constitution. Margaret is an intelligent lady with a true dedication to PSPL and works tremendously hard on their behalf for which I am full of admiration and thanks, it was unfortunate that her answers were just a regurgitation of the PSPL monopolistic viewpoint and it was obvious she had not done any personal homework to investigate the validity of what had been presented to the Board and was now being basically imposed on Probus Clubs. I use the word “imposed” for the simple reason that the “*democracy*” of PSPL counts abstentions from voting as ACCEPTANCES of the proposal. Regretably she was just not prepared to accept that PSPL are NOT always right and just buried her head in the sand. Promoting what is in effect “Attempting Tax Evasion” and calling it “Good Governance” just highlights the lack of perception by the board of what Probus, Probus Clubs and Probians are really all about and what their needs/desires truly are and above all their ethos and ethics. The sooner PSPL change their own constitution to be open, transparent, with true Probus Club input and representation, and gets away from this perceived “business model” and returns to the desired simple administrative support of Probus Clubs the sooner our organisation’s rapidly declining membership will again reach its peak of only just three/four years ago. So that members can more fully appreciate why I and so many other Probians get “hot under the collar” on these issues I will have a copy of the PSPLtd constitution on our website later this week. Read it carefully and you will soon see why! It is NOT available on their own website and I had to purchase my copy from ASIC !

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The proposed amendments are for:

Standard Probus Club Constitution dated February 2008

All references to Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. have been replaced with Probus South Pacific Limited.

Proposal 2: Article 11 - Aims and Objects (heading)

Existing wording:

Aims and Objects

Change to:

Aims and Objectives

Rationale: The word objectives is more appropriate to the content of the Article.

Proposal 4: Article IV - Management - (a)

Existing wording:

(a) The club shall be managed by a Management Committee comprising a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and committee members as provided in the by-laws.

Change to:

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Rationale: Defines the Officers as committee members.

Proposal 5: Article V - Meetings - (b)

Existing wording:

(b) An annual general meeting for the election of officers shall be held before March 31st of each year.

Change to:

(b) An annual general meeting for the election of officers shall be held on or before March 31st of each year.

Rationale: Allows clubs to hold AGM on or before March 31st each year.

Proposal 6: Article V - Meetings - (c)

Existing wording:

(c) Newly elected officers shall take office from April 1st each year.

Change to:

(c) Newly elected management committee shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale: the amendment removes the need for a caretaker period.

Proposal 7: Article VI - Information - (a)

Existing wording:

(a) On formation and thereafter each year, the club shall provide the information required by Probus South Pacific Ltd. concerning membership, meeting arrangements and officers for the ensuing year.

Change to:

(a) On formation and thereafter each year, the club shall provide the information required by Probus South Pacific Ltd. concerning membership, meeting arrangements and officers for the **ensuing** year.

Rationale: Typo correction - ensuring to ensuing.

THE ABOVE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY GO THROUGH AND I AS SECRETARY RECOMMEND THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY OUR CLUB.



HOWEVER PLEASE READ ON !!

Proposal 8 replaces Proposal 1 : Article 11 - Aims & Objects (a)

Existing wording:

(a) The purpose of this club shall be to advance intellectual and cultural interests among adult persons who have retired or are semi-retired from their former occupations.

Change to:

(a) The purpose of this Club shall be to relieve isolation and loneliness associated with ageing by providing mental stimulation, health related activities and advance intellectual and cultural interests among adult persons who are no longer working full time or who have retired or are semi-retired from their former occupations.

Rationale: The new wording clearly describes the intent of the organization. ☺

Proposal 9 replaces Proposal 3: Article III - Membership (a) and (b)

Existing wording:

(a) Membership of this club shall be open to retired and semi-retired professional and business people and others from any worthy vocation and who appreciate and value opportunities for social contact with others in similar circumstances.

(b) Applicants for membership, with the exception of the foundation members, must be sponsored by two members of the club and approved by the Management Committee.

Change to:

(a) Membership of this Club shall be open to members of the community who may be suffering from isolation and loneliness as a result of ageing, or are at risk of suffering from these. This would include retired and semi-retired professional and business people and any other members of the community who appreciate and value opportunities for Social contact with others in similar circumstances; such as senior members of the community or those persons no longer working full time.

(b) The Management Committee shall accept an application for membership of the Club based on meeting the criteria in clause 3a.

Rationale: The new wording clearly describes the intent of the organization. ☺

Secretary's PERSONAL comments and recommendations on the two red changes above:

- PSPLtd are trying to get CHARITY STATUS so that they are they can get tax exempt exemptions. It is my, and many, many other Clubs contention that this is TAX EVASION and NOT "Good Governance" as they would have us believe"!
- At the last PAV delegates meeting there was a vast majority who were very much against the proposed changes in red as they do change the whole ethos of PROBUS as we currently understand and appreciate. The changes would make it very difficult to recruit younger retired, semi-retired couples ensuring the future of the Clubs.
- PSPLtd are becoming FAR TOO BUSINESS oriented and slipping markedly on their main objective of supporting PROBUS CLUBS. I encourage ALL Probians to read the PSPLtd Constitution which can be found on our website. It reads like a CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC DICTATORSHIP MISSION STATEMENT (In my opinion☺) PSPLtd is no more a Charity than Fly In The Air !!! Probus Clubs and Probus ARE NOT AND NEVER HAVE BEEN CHARITIES!!!!
- PSPLtd have only 11 members!! All are on the Board, and have the power to DICTATE to Clubs if Clubs want to have affiliation. Probus Clubs and Probians are NOT MEMBERS OF PSPLtd we are merely accredited by them on behalf of Rotary!
- **I AS SECRETARY RECOMMEND OBJECTION TO THE TWO PROPOSED CHANGES IN RED ABOVE !!!!!!!**

PROBIANS THIS YEAR THE NOMINATION FORM FOR CLUB POSITIONS IS TAKING A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FORMAT DUE TO THE ALMOST CERTAIN CHANGES TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR OWN NAME ON ANY POSITION(S) YOU ARE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE NEXT YEAR** (COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AGM IN MARCH.) **POSITIONS IN RED ARE AUTOMATICALLY ON THE COMMITTEE** (IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT IS EX-OFFICIO) PLEASE READ THE SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS OF ALL POSITIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM. **COMPUTER /INTERNET/EMAIL PREFERENCES ARE IN BLUE** AND A CLEAR SIGN OF THE TIMES ☺

Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.

SELF* NOMINATION FORM FOR CLUB POSITIONS 2013/2014 *PTO For Details of ALL Positions!!

I would like to seek **my** nomination for the following position(s) for the 2013/2014 Probus Year. **A Proposer and Seconder is GUARANTEED by the Committee!**

| POSTION | NOMINEE'S NAME (please print) | NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE (Signature) |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | | |
| VICE-PRESIDENT | | |
| TREASURER | | |
| SECRETARY | | |
| Asst SECRETARY | | |
| Tour & Activities Officer | | |
| "Probe" Editor/Officer | | |
| Guest Speaker Organiser/Officer | | |
| Committee Member(2) | | |
| Welfare Manager | | |
| Membership Records Keeper | | |
| Coffee Chat/Breakfast /LOL Organiser | | |
| Members & Friends Luncheon Organiser | | |
| Bowls Group Organiser | | |
| Loners Dine Out Organiser | | |
| Walking Group Organiser | | |
| "Badger" | | |
| Correspondent "Probian" & "Active Retiree" | | |
| Historian | | |
| Door/Welcoming (3) Members | | |
| Webmaster | | |
| Tour & Activities Committee Helper | | |
| Auditor | | |

Note: Completed nomination forms MUST be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the February Meeting on Wednesday 20th February 2013 (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 20th March 2013 **Mike Watt (Secretary)**

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| PRESIDENT | It is common Practice to have the present Vice President fill this Role. Computer/Internet really required. COMMITTEE POSITION |
| VICE-PRESIDENT | Deputise for President when absent and monitor duties of President for NEXT year. Computer/Internet preferred however can be taught easily!☺ COMMITTEE POSITION |
| TREASURER | Keep the books of account on Club Computer Program. Computer/Internet essential though skills required are minimal and you can be taught easily!☺. COMMITTEE POSITION |
| SECRETARY | Has overall responsibility for the Administration of the Club, its meetings and activities. May delegate but retains overall responsibility. Advises the president and Committee on Constitutional, Standing Order matters etc. Attends to ALL correspondence in and out. Computer/Internet essential though skills required are minimal and you can be taught easily!☺. COMMITTEE POSITION |
| Asst SECRETARY | Deputise for Secretary in his absence. Produce agendas and minutes for both the Committee and General Meetings. Computer/Internet essential but only cut and paste skills needed!☺ COMMITTEE POSITION |
| Tour & Activities Officer | Chair the Tours and activities Committee and organise/conduct a variety of Tours/Trips/Activities outside the normal General Meeting times. Computer/Email really required.. COMMITTEE POSITION |
| "Probe" Editor/Officer | Collate/Edit content for "PROBE" and submit to Secretary for printing/posting/emailing. Computer/Internet essential though skills required are minimal (cut and paste in "Word") and you can be taught easily!☺. COMMITTEE POSITION |
| Guest Speaker Organiser/Officer | Find/Select/Book/Introduce/Thank Guest Speakers for TEN General meetings. Computer/Internet essential though basically just emailing!☺. COMMITTEE POSITION |
| Committee Member(2) | Attends, participates and votes at Committee Meetings. May hold other positions in the Club which are NOT automatic Committee Positions. Email access preferred but NOT essential. |
| Welfare Manager | Collects info re sick/ailing members, visits/contacts and reports to general Meeting and probe Editor. Email access preferred but NOT essential. |
| Membership Records Keeper | A very simple but important job keeping Membership Data on the computer upto date. Just type in New members Data to the program supplied, moved retired/deceased members to the ex-members database (one click on the mouse) Computer/Internet essential though skills required are VERY minimal |
| Coffee Chat/Breakfast /LOL Organiser | Organise monthly Coffee Chat sessions, Monthly Ladies Only luncheon and Quarterly Sunday Breakfasts Email access preferred but NOT essential. |
| Members & Friends Luncheon Organiser | Organise and book the after General Meeting luncheon for Members, Partners and Friends. |
| Bowls Group Organiser | Organise any Bowls events, competitive or just social, for Members, Partners and Friends. |
| Loners Dine Out Organiser | Organise and book the Loners Weekly Dinner . |
| Walking Group Organiser | Organise the weekly walking group. |
| "Badger" | Look after the name badges for Members as appropriate. |
| Correspondent "Probian" & "Active Retiree" | Write a short article on our Club Activities for both "The Vic Probian" and the "Active Retiree" Computer/Internet preferred though skills required are minimal (cut and paste in "Word") and you can be taught easily!☺. |
| Historian | Help to computerise the Club Records for posterity. Computer essential though skills required are VERY minimal. Email Preferred but not essential. |
| Door/Welcoming Member (3) | Attend to the door duties at General Meeting including collecting fees and recording attendance. |
| Webmaster | Once per month update the Club Website. Sounds hard but is VERY SIMPLE!! Computer/Internet essential though skills required are minimal (cut and paste in "Word") and you can be taught easily!☺. |
| Tour and Activities Committee Helper | Be part of the sub Committee to help choose/organise etc. under Tour & Activities Officer |
| Auditor | Audits the Books of Account of the Club. |

The Speaker for the 16th January
Lynda Van den Eynden, from the Bendigo Sleep Lab.

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 1st February for February Probe

Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au

NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Thursday February 14th at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am

Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream.



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