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YOUR BULLETIN EDITOR has been hors' de combat for some weeks making the task of producing a Bulletin somewhat daunting. But in the best tradition of Probus fellowship some of our fellow-members came forward and provided a surfeit of material making the task very easy. Thanks go to Pres. JACK, Sec. RAY, ARTHUR EATON, GEORGE JENNINGS, ALF GRIERSON and others whose Bulletin this is!

GUEST SPEAKER TODAY is cartoonist IAN GLANVILLE well known for his regular contributions to the pages of the Bendigo Advertiser. IAN is a man of many talents in the field of the visual arts and for many years is conducted a studio at the BCAE. Prior to that he was a senior Cameraman at TV8 where he covered most of the exciting events of the period for the TV newsroom, as well as carving a niche in the hearts of a multitude of children as 'Strawberry Scarecrow'.

THE SPEAKER LAST MONTH

by GEORGE JENNINGS.

John Haugh introduced our local Member of the House of Representatives, John Brumby B. Comm.Dip.Ed. a former school teacher, elected to Parliament in 1983.

In January 1988, as a member of an all party delegation under the leadership of Senator Sibra he visited the United States of America. The purpose of the delegation was to foster closer commercial relationships and influence trade policies particularly in Agriculture.

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The delegation visited San Francisco, a city planned and well regulated, where the main industries are tourism and High Tech silicon micro-chip development.

At Houston, a city based on an Oil economy, now in the doldrums, an Australian Trade Mission was attended and developed. Houston is endeavouring to diversify its economic base. The city has had an unplanned development making it an ugly, ungainly metropolis.

New Orleans, the fifth largest port in the world, is built on a semi-swamp. Due to bad labour relations disorganising the port, the facilities and activities have been radically restructured making operations very cost efficient, revitalising trade.

Atlanta, Georgia is the heart of the fastest growing region of the U.S.A. and Australia is the eighth largest investor. There Richard Murdoch has developed a world wide tourist transit accommodation system which on a 1% booking fee will yield \$800,000,000 per year profit. Also in Georgia is the World Disease Control Centre where research on potential epidemic diseases is carried out.

New York is the financial heart of America and there they attended the New York Society of International Affairs; while in Washington they conferred with the Secretaries of Trade and of Defence.

The American Economy is running flat out with factories at full production but even so the Government has massive trade and budget deficits. The new President will have the difficult task of bringing the economy on to an even keel.

John is not optimistic about the U.S. sharing trade with Australia. The subsidy system is winning back international markets from the European Countries; but this is at the expense of Australian world trade. Australia is making inroads into U.S. internal trade with exports clearly identifiable as Australian., e.g. Roo's Leap wines. Our speaker was thanked by Peter Goodrich.

#### **TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

by ARTHUR EATON.

SATURDAY JULY 30th. 1988: "AUSTRIAN NIGHT AT DAYLESFORD HOTEL".  
"DINNER AND FLOOR SHOW".

A visiting "Austrian Band" will be in attendance. COACH DEPARTS:  
at 6.00 p.m. FROM: "Strathdale Community Complex", Cnr. Crook St and McIvor Road. COST: \$23.00 per person. INCLUDES: Coach, Dinner & Floor Show. PAYMENTS: If you have not already paid, then please do so at July Meeting. BOOKINGS: Coach at present fully booked.

EMERGENCIES REQUIRED -- it is expected that emergencies will be able to be accommodated on a second coach for another group.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to CLARK JEFFREY and JACK TAYLOR for the Rotary Awards of Paul Harris Fellowships - a fitting reward for many years of Service Above Self both inside and out of Rotary.

TRIP TO EXPO & BRISBANE: Departs AUGUST 21st for 12 Days.  
COST: \$794.00 per person. PAYMENT: Payment in full is required at  
Houldens Bus Lines of Bendigo by JULY 21st. 1988. BOOKINGS: At present  
full, further emergencies will be listed. Further enquiries for Trips  
to Arthur (43 9162).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th. 1988. Inspection of SEC Bendigo Terminal  
Station. Two Groups (one morning and one afternoon) will be accomodated.  
Total 25 in each group. LIST ON TABLE TODAY.

### MADE IN BENDIGO

by JACK WATTS.

The party of 43 who visited Stafford Ellinson and Cooper & Cooke on 16th  
we were amazed with the advanced technology which is now required to  
conduct a successful manufacturing industry.

Half the party started off at Stafford Ellinson whilst the rest were  
welcomed by Probian Alby Cooper, one of the two founders of Cooper &  
Cooke (Ceramics) Pty. Ltd.

After an hour the two groups changed over and thanks to Noel Storey no  
time was lost.

Whilst the two industries produce entirely different articles it was  
obvious that at both factories there is the greatest co-operation between  
management and staff. It was also evident that every employee takes  
pride in being part of a team. The variety of articles produced at  
Cooper & Cooke was most impressive, from Probus mugs to fully assembled  
electric jugs from various types of ovenware to an amazing array of  
bottles used for limited editions of exclusive fortified wines.

At Stafford Ellinson we saw a highly computerised operation used in the  
manufacture of mens suits. The treadle operated "Singer" sewing machine,  
which we all remembered, has been replaced by the most sophisticated  
machines which require highly trained and efficient operators.

Once again we were surprised at the variety of brand named suits  
manufactured at the factory including the top of the range "Anthony  
Gaires", as well as 'Roger David', 'Sax Altmann', 'Giotto' and 'F.I.T.'  
all of these have their origin at the Bendigo factory.

A very enjoyable and informative morning, but we had no time to stop for  
our B.Y.O. morning tea which Arthur had included in the programme.

**ONCE AGAIN** we say farewell to a good friend and valued member as we  
record the death of MURRAY BLOOMFIELD. Our sincere sympathy goes to  
Gwen and family in their sad loss.

**A WARM WELCOME** is extended to our new member DAL MARTIN. For the  
record; MARTIN, Dallas Lewis (Dal). Wife Thelma.  
Marnie Road, BENDIGO. Phone: 41 2840.

## EXPO 88 - AN IMPRESSION

by ALF GRIERSON.

Having just returned from a visit to Brisbane and three days at Expo I feel it may be of some value to our club members who will be making the trip in August to relate our experience and hints that I feel will assist each one whilst there.

Firstly, you will find that 3 days will not enable you to see all the exhibits from the various countries. This is brought about by the delay created by many queues waiting to get into the exhibits. Some may take 15 minutes and anything from half an hour to one and a half hours for others.

You can visit all exhibits and each in its own way has something different to give to the public. Each individual will like some exhibits better than others; nevertheless its a great show and must have cost a colossal amount to produce.

Doll and I went along about 10.30 am and after a lot of waiting and walking we would be dragging the feet by 4.00 pm. Some countries advertise their attractions by film, others by products. But, they are all delightful and well worth visiting. The exhibits that we were particularly taken with were; China, Queensland, Australia, Canada, Japan, USSR, New Zealand, West Australia and all the Asiatic countries which were most interesting. Thailand has some nice products at a reasonable price.

Cost is a factor, with Ice Cream at \$1.80 for a single cone. Drinks are not cheap. On visiting the Munich Beer Hall we found the music fabulous but the beer at \$3.50 for a 7 oz. glass or a pot! You can, however, get a beer and a lunch at a reasonable price at the Plough Inn Hotel in the grounds where beer is \$1.50 a glass and lunch from \$2.90 to \$8.50. But - don't prop or sit in the restaurant area at the Switzerland Exhibit where the minimum charge is \$12.00! Lunch at the China Restaurant is up to \$7.50 with a good meal at the British exhibit for the same price. Beef Curry at the Singapore Restaurant is \$4.50.

France was exhibiting their wines but they were, of course, a bit too dear for us poor drinkers. The exhibits, however, were interesting.

One thing you must all do is take a ride on the monorail train which is going all the time and runs very silently - but you will have to await your turn for a ride.

Don't be afraid to wear old comfortable walking shoes. People are wearing all types of footwear; you will get footsore and leg-weary. On the other hand there are plenty of spots to sit and rest your weary bones! Ladies' and Gents' are dotted all around the grounds.

I could tell you many individual items relating to the various countries but you will see them and form your own opinions. You will enjoy the show - it is well worth seeing. BUT - husbands leave your cheque books home. Happy and enjoyable trip from Doll and Alf Grierson.