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**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INC.**

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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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**GUEST SPEAKER** at our July Meeting is **MR. BILL MILLER**, a well known Eaglehawk identity. His subject is "Following the Canning Stock Route".

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**DR. WESLEY BLACKMORE** was introduced by BOB HOLMES, who told us that Wesley was heading back to China in six weeks time.

We learned a lot about modern China from Dr. Wesley Blackmore, our Guest Speaker in June, the correct pronunciation of the names of cities and of people as well as some revelations about economics, corruption, inefficiency and food.

The notion of a Communist China is erroneous, Chinese life is still (and may always be) based on tradition and custom. Mao Tse Tung had the status and adulation of an Emperor. There is no such thing as Democracy in China, nor in Asia in general, unquestioning obedience is central to the lifestyle and philosophy of living. Of the Chinese population, 85% are illiterate peasants who are concerned only with subsistence and staying alive.

In the towns and cities, and the countryside, all the people are organised in a DANWEI, a Work Unit. It provides housing, food, clothing, etc. and especially INFLUENCE. All education is paid for by the individual and progress in this, and all other spheres, is determined by influence and bribery; to get accepted into a Work Unit is determined by influence and bribery. China is a society without money, it is replaced by barter - or skills or whatever.

For peasant boys the Army is a good channel to move from the country to the city and improve life. Accommodation is scarce,

but the Army provides.

As for population control, the authorities are powerless to enforce it among the peasants.

At the Conclusion, Dr. Blackmore was thanked by BILL COWLING, who made the usual presentations.

**TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :**

**TUESDAY JULY 21ST. - GOLDEN DRAGON MUSEUM TOUR : 10:15 a.m.**

CHINESE BANQUET MEAL - HOUSE OF KHONG - 12:00 NOON

Guided tour of Chinese Golden Dragon Museum followed by a "Chinese Banquet Meal" at the House of Khong, a selection of 15 courses, eat as much as you are able. **Own Transport :** meet at Golden Dragon Museum, Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m. for 10:15 a.m. tour start. **COST** per person : Museum \$3, Meal at House of Khong \$8.00 - total \$11.

PAYMENT JULY MEETING PLEASE.

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH. : MELBOURNE TRIP**

GUIDED TOUR NEWPORT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS, WILLIAMSTOWN AREA  
AND SCIENCE MUSEUM AT SPOSTWOOD (RECENTLY OPENED)

Guided tour of Newport Railway Workshops presenting an opportunity to see some of the latest technology within that industry should prove very interesting. Arrangements made for the Ladies to see other suitable attractions in Williamstown while men at Workshops.

Afternoon portion : Ladies & Men - a tour of the recently opened Science Museum at Spotswood, should be of interest to all. A hands-on experience **Cost :** \$15/person - take own picnic lunch. **PAYMENT JULY MEETING. Maximum To Travel : 49 Current Bookings : 49**

Emergencies invited.

**TRIP OF THE YEAR : 8 Days/7 Nights "FLINDERS RANGES/ROXBY DOWNS"**

Saturday September 26th. - Saturday October 3rd. (inclusive).

"An interesting trip with variety." **COST : \$760.00/person** - Includes Coach Fare, Accommodation - D.B.B., plus morning and afternoon teas and all entry fees. Full trip itineraries available, either from ARTHUR or HOULDENS TOURS. **CURRENT BOOKINGS :** Coach Full -

Emergencies: 2 couples, further emergencies are invited. **PAYMENT IN FULL** is due by AUGUST 26, to Houlden's.

**PUFFING BILLY STEAM TRAIN RIDE & DANDENONG RANGES :**

Investigations being made for a possible mid November trip.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 16 : "GOOD OLD DAYS"**

2:00 p.m. at the CAPITAL THEATRE

**COST : \$10/ticket. PAYABLE : Today's Meeting**

**VALE :** Members of the Club are saddened by the death of **TREVOR HOULDEN**. We have spent hours, days, on tour buses with Trevor, and his kindness and co-operation was always greatly appreciated.

On a happier note, congratulations to **KEN** and **NINA BURCH**, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary this month.

OVERALL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE : As at 21st. October, 1991, the total Probus membership in Australasia (Australia, Papua New Guinea and Pacific Islands) was 101,000 members in 1288 Clubs. Since then the membership has grown (as at 31st. May 1992), to 105,731 in 1374 Clubs.

The latest distribution of Clubs is as follows :-

Mens Clubs (756), Ladies Clubs (479), Combined (139).

The above details per Probus Centre Sydney.

BOB CHENERY SECRETARY

ANNUAL PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT : The Annual Probus Golf Tournament was held at Neanger Park Golf Links on the 29th. of May.

The five local Clubs were represented and in all we had 41 entries.

Bendigo Probus, through the fine efforts of JACK WALLACE, BOB RUNDALL, MAURICE PEASE and NORM PHILLIPS, was successful in retaining the Shield for another 12 months. (Hope it doesn't disappear again!)

Sandhurst Probus was the runner-up, being defeated by 1 point.

The organisers thank the members who supported the event - ALF GRIERSEN for handling the results and MAX PHILLIPS for his assistance during the day.

With apologies to JOHN McCOY, we take a look at Banks and Banking. An Indian came into a bank and asked about a loan for \$200.

"And what security have you?"

"Got 200 horses."

This seemed adequate and the loan went through. Later the Indian came back with \$2,200 cash, paid off the loan and started to leave.

"Why not let me take care of that \$2000 for you?" asked the Banker.

Looking straight in the eye the Indian asked;

"How many horses you got?"

..... they observe one mule which, woe betide the Banker who fails to heed it.

Which means you must never lend any money to anybody unless they don't need it.

OGDEN NASH

A Banker is a man who lends you an umbrella when the weather is fair, and takes it away from you when it rains.

"You are often urged to put some money in banks. Remember though, what you are doing is giving your money to someone else to hold onto, and I think it is worth keeping in mind that Bankers are so worried about holding onto things that they put little chains on all their pens."

MISS PIGGY

# BENDIGO PROBUS CLUB HOBBIES DISPLAY DAY



*NOTE THE DATE*  
**16 SEPTEMBER 1992**  
**(SEPTEMBER MEETING)**

**Organisers:-**  
WALTER ASHBURN Tel 43 2579  
RAY DOWNEY Tel 43 4550

If you wish to be included as a participant do not hesitate to give us a ring.

**BE RIGHT IN IT WITH OTHERS**

**THIS DAY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO SHOW OTHERS THEIR INTERESTS/HOBBIES ETC**

**IT'S A DAY TO BE DIFFERENT ---- DIFFERENT TYPE OF MEETING DAY**

**IT TAKES ALL TYPES OF DISPLAYS FOR THIS TYPE OF MEETING !!!**

AT LEAST TEN MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE PART OF THIS DAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ALL PRESENT HAVING AN INTERESTING MORNING.

A Motion to ammend the Club By-laws was unanimously carried at our June Meeting.

The following ammendment may be cut out and pasted over existing Sub-clause (a) of Clause 2.(3) of the By-laws.

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All financial Nominees will be entitled to attend Meetings and participate in Club social activities.