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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.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

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**The Guest Speaker** for July is Dr. David Brown, the Director of the Loddon Campaspe College of TAFE, who will talk on "Changing Scenes in Technical Education".

Our Guest Speaker at the June meeting, David Dow, was introduced by Dal Martin.

Speaking on "Pig Breeding in Modern Times", David staggered us with numbers. In the Bendigo area, there are over 150,000 pigs, half of which number are at the Commercial Pig Company's establishment at Huntly. The CTC also has piggeries at Lilydale, Trafalgar and St. Arnaud. In all, CTC has 170,000 pigs and a work force of 150 employees.

The main piggery is at Huntly, where 90 people are employed.

In recent times production has become more efficient, and Australia has been in the forefront of technical development.

At the piggery in Huntly 3500 piglets are born each week and 2750 go for slaughter weekly. The gestation period is thirteen weeks and a sow produces 2½ litters a year in a 3 year life, with 10 piglets in a litter. The genetic history of the animals is accurately recorded with other data.

The animals are kept in an atmosphere controlled at 20°C. They consume 750 tonnes a week of a scientifically designed feed which contains wheat, barley, rice, fish meal and meat meal. Recently whey has been introduced into the diet, and milk from supermarkets, past the "use-by" date. Similarly Vegemite and Mars Bars with shelf-life expired is fed to the pigs.

The piglets are kept with the sows for 3 to 4 weeks, in which time they increase from 1½kg at birth to 6kg, and they are fed for 22 weeks before slaughtering or selection for breeding.

The prices of grain on the one hand and meat on the other determine the financial success or failure. Australians eat 19kg of pigmeat per year on average: Note: Mr Keating has no connection with the CTC.

After the talk and subsequent questions, Hugh Ward thanked the speaker and made the usual presentation.

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**VALE** With regret we record the sad news of the death of our member Frank Budge.

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**PRESENTATION** Secretary Bob had designed and prepared a special certificate, copies of which were presented by our President during the June meeting. The purpose of these was to recognise the services of the Past Presidents, and mark the appreciation of the members of the club. The recipients were:

1. Ray Downey 85/86
2. Arthur Eaton 87/88
3. Jack Watts 88/89
4. Reg Brock 89/90
5. Gordon Glover 90/91
6. Robert Holmes 91/92

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**REPORT** In mid May a party of members and wives took the trip to the Mornington Peninsula. Having arrived at Point Nepean we had a tour of the museum and then to the very tip of the point to see the abandoned historic installations where the artillery batteries were set up to repel French or Russian invaders. We then travelled to our overnight accommodation in Hastings. After breakfast next morning we were joined by Dal Martin who took us to see some of the points of interest in the Peninsula, including the Red Hill Community Market at Emu Plains. Dal then took us to his holiday home in Dromana where Thelma, with Gwen and Clark Jeffrey greeted us and there we had lunch on the terrace, gazing across the blue waters of the bay. Dal and Thelma had thoughtfully assembled a selection of wines from various local vineyards.

Following this delightful meal we moved on to Sorrento where our coach took us on to the ferry for Queenscliff. With a break in Geelong for a snack at McDonalds we returned home, having spent two happy, interesting days. Thelma and Dal, Gwen and Clark all deserve our grateful thanks for what they did for us.

The Annual combined Probus Golf Tournament was held at Neangar Park Golf Links on the 1st of June last. 37 entries were received which was 3 down on last year. The Teams Event was won this year by the Sandhurst Probus Club who narrowly defeated Strathdale by 1 point. They now have the pleasure of organising the event for next year.

The various sections of the competition were won by the following:

Ladies : Irene Driscoll with 31 Stableford Points.

Men : Herb Hesse with 41 Stableford Points.

Visitors : John White with 38 Stableford Points.

The weather did not look too bright early in the day but improved as the day went by.

Bendigo didn't do too well this year but never the less I think everyone enjoyed the day out.

The organisers thank those persons who helped out on the day.

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**FOR SALE \* FOR SALE \* FOR SALE \***

**PROBUS TIES** 100% Poly Woven and Manufactured in Australia - Hand washable and drip dry. All ties have a Probus emblem displayed. Recommended colour is NAVY as this is accepted Bendigo Probus Club colour. Other colours available are red and maroon.

Last order requests received at next July meeting please. See either Alf Ryall or Secretary Bob. Total cost only \$16.50. Good value for money.

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**ERRATA 1993/94 Membership Booklet (Now available from Secretary Bob)**

Please ammend you new booklets as below:

Page 21 (ALAN SKILBECK) Correct spelling of St Laurence Court  
Page 27 (JACK LAIDLER) Correct address to ..... 22 Raymond Avenue  
Correct Phone to ..... 43 0508  
Correct pre. Occ. to ..... V/Line Officer

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**BY-LAWS** Copies of a complete set of up to date By-Laws (to members only) are available from Secretary Bob upon request.

## TRIPS INFORMATION

**TRIP OF THE YEAR: SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH TO FRIDAY AUGUST 20TH, 1993. Three state intrigue tour: (6 day/5 nights)**

**Mildura - Sunraysia - Broken Hill - Loxton - Renmark - Berri**

**Cost:** \$340/person (Twin Share) Maximum: 48 - Current 44.

**Depart:** Strath Community Centre Sunday August 15th at 8.00 am.

Arrive Home Friday August 20th approx. 5.30 pm. (An interest-packed leisurely trip - covers it all). Staying: 4 nights at

Mildura "Inlander Sun Resort Motel" and 1 night Broken Hill.

**Your tour price includes:** Coach Fare, All Twin Share Accommodation, All cooked breakfasts, Multi choice evening meals, all tours including entry fees as per itinerary, local guide.

**Day 1:** To Mildura, **Day 2:** Tours in and around Mildura, **Day**

**3:** Riverland - Loxton, Renmark, Berri, **Day 4:** To Broken Hill,

- Tours, (Overnight Broken Hill), **Day 5:** Tours of Broken Hill

and return to Mildura, **Day 6:** Homeward Bound \*\* (Itinerary

Hope to have detailed copies of trip Itineraries at meeting).

**PAYMENTS: Deposit \$40/person - Balance of Payment :** direct

to Houldens Tours, 72 Pall Mall (Tel: 43 5099) by Friday July

16th. (Note new address - ask for Cathy). Max 48, Current booking

44. \*\*\*Vacancies Exist: Friends of Probians Welcome.

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH: TRIP TO TULIP FESTIVAL - SILVAN.**

Spring will be upon us and the hillsides of the Dandenongs

a blaze of colour. At Tesselaar's Silvan, we will be visiting

the famous "Annual Tulip Festival", capture the magic of Spring,

the Dutch influence with: Dutch National costumes, windmills,

music, tens of thousands of tulips, thousands of daffodils,

- "a breathtaking tapestry of color".

**Lunch:** A selection of hot foods, ice creams and soft drinks

plus "Dutch treats" are available, or take own picnic lunch

- lawn areas available.

**Cost:** \$17/person, includes coach fare and entry to tulip festival.

**Departure:** from Strath Community Centre Crook Street at 7.30

am. **Listing posted** July 15th meeting. Maximum 48 persons.

**Payments:** At August 18th Meeting.

Trip enquiries : Phone Arthur (43 9162)

Arthur Eaton  
Tours Liaison.

**GOING AWAY?????**

If you're going to be away at a future meeting or a number of meetings - then you can get your apologies recorded automatically in advance (months ahead if you wish) by advising either Alf Ryall or Secretary Bob.

**PAID YOUR 93/94 SUBSCRIPTIONS YET???????**

Members.....	\$ 15
Temporary Inactive Members.....	\$ 15
Nominees (Those on the Waiting List).....	\$ 5

Last date of payment before your membership expires is 31st July. The "Office Staff" at the door on the next July meeting day will welcome your cheque made out to "PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc" thankyou.

**MEMBER PROFILE**

**WARREN WINZAR**

Warren was born in 1927 and lived at Marong until he came to Bendigo in 1961.

He attended the Marong State School and after doing his Merit certificate he had to assist his elderly father work the family farm. The farm had been selected by his great-grandfather in 1853.

Warren enjoyed the mixed farming - cropping and sheep. During this period there was a gradual change from horses to tractors. The farmers' sons had difficulty in convincing their fathers that this was the way to go.

He supported all the district activities and enjoyed competing in the Rural Fire Brigade competitions and was successful on several occasions.

In 1954 Warren and Betty were married and they have two daughters - Sue and Jenny and two grandsons Matthew and Travis.

After selling the farm the move was made to Bendigo. Warren is a self taught welder and he worked at an engineering business for several years. Later he grazed sheep so had to have good sheep dogs - the dogs were always his pride and joy.

Warren retired in 1974. He joined the Bendigo East Bowling Club and enjoys the bowls and fellowship. Warren still takes a great interest in the land as his son-in-law is a farmer.

Warren's retirement has been interesting with bowls, Probus, workshop, garden and being Mr. Fix-It for his daughters and grandsons.

