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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 Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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Today our President Jim is on holiday so the meeting will be presided over by Maurice Pease our Deputy President.

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**GUEST SPEAKER** today is Graham Welton who will be speaking about "Tutoring in the Outback".

Last month we had a variation from the normal pattern, it was Ladies Day. Wives or partners were with us, and following the meeting we had lunch at Sizzlers, organised by Ray Downey. The speakers at our meeting were Jess and Gordon Glover who told us of their "Wanderings in Tibet". After Bob Chenery's introduction we heard how, in 1986, they made a journey of 1500kms in Nepal and Tibet and on to Beijing. The Glovers journeyed from Melbourne to Bangkok, then on to Katmandu where the Chinese courier then led them through Tibet and finally to Beijing.

The party of 12 travelled in four 4 wheel drive vehicles through some of the highest and most rugged country in the World. Gordon's many photographs vividly conveyed the difficulties and hardness of life on the Roof of the World, and also conditions in the tourist hotels, mountain scenery, Mt. Everest, a carpet factory in Katmandu (no little yellow idol, though).

A strong impression remains of the hardihood and spirit of adventure of these two, to make a journey of this sort at their age.

Jim Aitken made the speech of thanks and the presentation to Jess and Gordon.

**TRIPS INFORMATION**

**TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994 : Sunday September 18th to Saturday September 24th 1994. 7 days/6 nights) Based on Wagga 5 nights and Canberra 1 night. \*\*Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival\*\***

The cost is \$420 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation D.B.B., morning and afternoon teas and entry fees. Maximum 46 : Current 46. \*\*\*\*Emergencies required : open to friends\*\*\*\*

Sunday to Wagga, Monday tours of Wagga area, Tuesday to Canberra, (0/night in Canberra), Wednesday tours of Canberra and return to Wagga, Thursday tour to Junee and Temora areas, Friday tour to Narrandera/Leeton area, Saturday depart Wagga for home. A BEAUTY - DON'T MISS OUT. Final payment due August 17th at Southern Cross Travel, Pall Mall.

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH TO THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH (Incl.) 3 days/ 2 nights. Swan Hill - Tooleybuc - Staying at Lazy River Motel - Swan Hill.** The cost is \$125 per person and includes 5 star coach, 2 nights accommodation, breakfasts, all meals, all entry fees. "Value for money trip". Departure is at 7.45 a.m. November 8th and arrive home 5.00 p.m. November 10th. Maximum 45 : Current 58. Refer to June issue of "Probe" for details. Final payment at September 21st meeting please.

**PROBUS "SECRET EAT OUT" VISITS IN GREATER BENDIGO AREA. THURSDAY OCTOBER 20th, 1994.** Visits to three locations in Greater Bendigo area, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea provided, with talks and inspections at each location. An interesting and enjoyable day is assured. Travel by Southern Cross Coach. Departure is at 9.45 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Return by 5.00 p.m. Casual dress and walking shoes. The cost of \$20 per person includes coach fare, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, entrance fees. Maximum 53. Listing tabled at Wednesday 20th July Meeting. Payments at August 17th meeting.

Please Note : As Arthur will be away from July 23rd until August 21st kindly contact Alec Crothers (43 2642) during this period regarding trips bookings, information etc.

Arthur Eaton.

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### TRIPS REPORT

The "Christmas Dinner in June" is an idea which is becoming very popular, and our group found out why on June 23rd. On the way to Mt. Aitken Vineyard we had a short tour of Mt. Macedon and on to Heskett, with Magnetic Hill on the way. Then to the Vineyard and a little wine tasting before sitting down to a 3 course dinner, of soup, turkey and plum pudding. The food was good, the service was excellent; the tour beforehand was interesting, and it hardly needs to be said that the weather was perfect.

On the Monday following, June 27th, some of us were once more on a coach heading south. This time it was to Melbourne and in particular to the Crown Casino at Southbank. The visit was courtesy of Southern Cross Travel and the management of the Casino. Those who did not know already were able to find out how to play Black Jack, Roulette and so on. Nobody "broke the bank" but everyone had an enjoyable time.

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### CORRECTION

The talk by Mr Ken Haymes on making a will, announced in last month's Probe for Wednesday September 21, 1994 has been postponed until, probably, November.

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### PROBUS BOWLS PROGRAMME 1994-5

Eaglehawk	Thursday	Oct. 13
South Bendigo	Tuesday	Nov. 15
Bendigo	Thursday	Dec. 8
East Bendigo	Thursday	Jan. 19
North Bendigo	Tuesday	Feb. 14
Woodbury	Wednesday	Mar. 8
Sandhurst	Thursday	April 13

## MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Born in Warracknabeal during the depression, Ken Coles spent his early years at Reedy Dam - halfway between Beulah and Birchip. His parents' property was a typical Southern mallee farm.

Schooling was commenced at Reedy Dam but because of his fathers involvement in the Army, he also attend at Dimboola and Batchica before settling at Warracknabeal. On completion of his Matriculation, Ken was offered, and accepted a Primary Studentship with the Victorian Education Department. This involved one year as a student teacher, one year at a Teachers' College and a commitment to teach for a minimum of three years. While at Teachers' College in Ballarat, he boarded next door to two young ladies - Joyce and Val MacKenzie.

On completion of his year in Ballarat, Ken's Studentship was extended for three years to enable him to complete a Bachelor of Arts of the University of Melbourne.

Ken's teaching career began in the Western District at Lang Koop (Near Edenhope) and at Horsham West. While at Horsham he married Joyce MacKenzie. They have four children and three grandchildren.

In 1959 a position for a Mathematics Education lecturer was advertised at Bendigo Teachers' College. Ken applied for, and gained this position as from the beginning of 1960. Worth noting is that in 1960 there were eight Teachers' Colleges in Victoria and only four had lecturers with qualifications in mathematics.

Apart from teaching at California Gully Primary School in 1965, Ken remained in Teacher Education until 1981 and was actively involved with the politics of the merger of the State College of Victoria Bendigo with the Bendigo Institute of Technology. This merger formed the Bendigo College of Advanced Education (1976) - now LaTrobe University Bendigo.

In 1981, the position of College Registrar became vacant. Ken successfully applied for this position and remained there until retirement in 1987.

Since 1987, activities have included Bendigo Probus Club, Bendigo Competitions Society, Strath-haven Council, Eaglehawk Billiards Club, travel and Sundry home duties.



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