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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.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 2 Cook Street, Bendigo, 3550.

GUEST SPEAKER today is Max Turner MLA for Bendigo West, whose subject is "China".

At our May meeting the Guest Speaker was Chief Superintendent of Police David R. Mansell, District Commissioner, O District who was introduced by Bill Clemens.

The speaker had much to say about crime and illegal activities in modern life particularly in Bendigo. Drunkenness is currently a serious problem in Bendigo but in his opinion this kind of offence should not be dealt with by court procedure, but rather by the issuing of penalty notices, thus given the courts more time to deal with other cases.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is operating well with 52 active areas in the city.

Members of the police are doing good work in the schools, educating children in the way to proceed with traffic.

An increasing problem is the carrying and use of offensive weapons, particularly knives. The police are now using metal detectors to locate them.

The Chief Superintendent gave us some statistics to think about. The population of O District, which is very widespread, is in excess of 150,000, mostly concentrated in Greater Bendigo, Police service numbers in the O District, 500, and in the whole of Victoria 10200. In the O District there are 92 police vehicles operating, and in Victoria, in total over 2000. The value of

these vehicles \$25 million.

Further statistics were presented on road accidents, and fatalities. The most common cause of accidents is carelessness. The whole subject shows the need for more education of road users. Most accidents in the Bendigo area occur within 5km of the home of the victim. Surprisingly daylight hours are worse than dark time, probably because of greater usage.

In conclusion Chief Inspector Mansell commented on personal development courses, and showed us some slides used in observation training.

Cliff Binks expressed the thanks of the members, and made the usual presentation.

TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY JULY 20TH TRIP TO MELBOURNE - RIALTO TOWER, VICTORIAN EXHIBITION IN OLD TREASURY BUILDING. Max 49 - Current 51.

"A Beauty" - Depart 7.30 a.m., arrive home approx. 5.45 p.m. Cost: \$23.00/per person, includes coach and entrance fees. Visit Rialto Tower for breathtaking view of Melbourne, then on to "Victorian Exhibition" in old Treasury Building. Both are new attractions. An excellent winter trip. A great variety of food is available at reasonable cost from many outlets in Collins Towers precinct. Lunch BYO. All venues under cover. An interesting and enjoyable day is assured. Payments: Finalise July meeting please. Emergencies invited.

THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH - TRIP TO MELBOURNE - VISIT HENSELITE & MEAT MARKET VICTORIAN CRAFT CENTRE. Max 49 - Current 49.

Emergencies required Depart 7.30 a.m. Strath Community Centre, Crook Street, arrive home approx. 5.45 p.m.

A most interesting day is assured. First we visit Henselite to see how Lawn Bowls are made. Next to the "Meat Market Craft Centre" originally old Metro Meat Market, a National Trust building, beautifully restored, where we will see an amazing variety of Craft Work - ranging from hot glass, cold glass, ceramics, leatherwork, jewellery, wood and metal - see Craftspeople at work. Centre sells a wide range of quality, handmade, unique gifts. Cost: \$20.00/per person, includes coach, entrance fees and light lunch. PAYMENTS TODAY.

TRIP OF THE YEAR - LAKES ENTRANCE/GIPPSLAND LAKES - (5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS) THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 1995

This is a beauty - value for money, scenic trip - book early Cost: \$325.00/per person, includes coach fare, accommodation, dinner, bed and breakfasts and entry fees. At George Bass Motor

Inn in Lakes Entrance. Motel has panoramic views of sea and lakes. (Refer to May Probe for Intinerary) Max 48 - Current 61. FINAL PAYMENT BY AUGUST 14TH (To Southern Cross Travel Bendigo)

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - LIVE STAGE SHOW - PRINCESS THEATRE - MELBOURNE - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH - 1.00 P.M. Max 23 - Current 23. Depart Bendigo 10.00 a.m. and arrive home 6.00 p.m. Cost: \$85.00/per person. (Pensioner Concession \$58) - includes coach and entry to theatre. Payments due and to be finalised at Southern Cross Travel, Pall Mall.

SURPRISE!! SURPRISE!! - MYSTERY TRIP - THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH Max 49 - Current 77. Depart 9.00 a.m. and arrive home 5.00 p.m. Cost: Approx \$22.00/per person includes coach, morning tea, 3 course lunch and afternoon tea. Cliff Binks has prepared what is certain to be another interesting and enjoyable mystery tour. Payment at July 19th Meeting please.

Arthur Eaton - Probus Tours Liaison

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Kevin Houlahan is still undergoing treatment in Melbourne, and seems to be making reasonable progress.

Last Thursday, July 13, our President (of the Probus Club of Bendigo that's to say) Maurice celebrated his 79th birthday.

A reminder to committee men, there is no committee meeting this month, but your presence is requested for room preparation at 9.15 a.m.

"The most remarkable numerical statement in English literature, Gibbon's 'A thousand swords were plunged at once into the bosom of the unfortunate Probus'"

- Sunday Times (London), reviewing H.McKay,
The World of Numbers.



PROBUS

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PROBUS, in full MARCUS AURELIUS PROBUS (d. AD 282), Roman emperor 276-282. Son of a Balkan military officer, he served with distinction in the army, and apparently was eastern praetorian prefect when his troops proclaimed him emperor in opposition to Florian, who was soon killed by his own men. Probus' reign saw continual frontier warfare against hostile tribes on the Rhine and Danube, complicated by insurrections in Britain, Gaul, and the East. His policy of allowing outside tribes to settle within the empire proved dangerous. Fourth-century writers attest to his intense interest in agriculture. He encouraged the planting of vineyards in Gaul, Spain, and Britain and was evidently killed by troops who resented (in addition to his strict discipline) being detailed to agricultural reclamation work in the Balkans.
