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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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The Guest Speaker at todays meeting is the Mayor of the Greater City of Bendigo, Cr. Megan Weston.

At the June meeting, we were privileged to share the Reverend Doug Turnbull's many personal experiences and challenges in his ministry. Firstly, he had to go back to school at the age of twenty two for matriculation. He described his year at the Marist Brothers as a wonderful example of ecumenism. Here was a Presbyterian being taught by Catholic Priests who knew he was preparing himself to take further studies to become a Presbyterian minister. With their dedicated assistance to his studies, he was awarded the top honour award for his year.

Then it was off to Monash University, where he graduated with an Arts Degree in Sociology. From there, he attended the Aberdeen Theological College and obtained the Bachelor of Divinity, after which he returned to Australia to his first charge at Lockington, where he learnt to fly. His next appointment was as a patrol padre at Kununurra. This entailed visiting cattle stations in the region in his Cessna 182. He found many of the people on the stations were carrying what he called "a lot of baggage". They had run away from their responsibilities of marital problems and needed counselling. Doug believes that if you have problems, meet them head on, and if you have faith, then God will strengthen your resolve to overcome grief and despair in life's journey.

During his time at Kununurra, he was away from his wife a good deal. When she was pregnant with twins she went to Melbourne for medical attention, however they were stillborn, and this great loss caused Doug to rethink his lifestyle. He took leave from the ministry, obtained a clerical job in Kununurra, and was able to spend more time with his family for eighteen months. He felt he was again called to the ministry, and spent five years at Broadmeadows, at what must have been at quite a challenging period. He was then invited to serve at the John Flynn Memorial Church at Alice Springs, where he spent seven years. Whilst there, he arranged for an Aboriginal wedding in the Christian tradition. The church was packed for the first time with Aboriginal people.

He is now minister at the Kennington Uniting Church in Bendigo. We appreciated Doug's frankness and felt privileged that he was able to share with us these personal moments of his life as a servant of God. He was thanked by Ted Driscoll with the usual presentation of a pottery mug.

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TRIPS INFORMATION

-TRIP OF THE YEAR-

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1996 (6 Day/5 Night) TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS - STAYING AT PROVIDENCE LODGE (ADAMINABY) Maximum (48) Current (67). Host: Col Mayhew (Owner) Cost: \$429.00/Person Twin Share includes coach, accommodation twin share, full breakfasts, 3 course dinners, lunches and evening supper, morning and afternoon teas, all tours, entries and inspections.

\*\*As Treasurer Geoff may be away from mid July to late August: Payments by cheque, to Probus Club of Bendigo, would be appreciated at July 17th meeting, but must be finalised by August 21st meeting. Detailed Itineraries available at July meeting.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 1996. GREATER BENDIGO AREA MYSTERY TRIP. Depart 8.45 a.m. Arrive home 5.45 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Maximum 48. Cliff Binks has prepared another excellent full day outing, catering for all tastes, don't miss out on this one. Visits to 5 different locations, short tours, talks and inspections, minimum walking involved. Cost: \$22.00/Person includes coach, morning tea, excellent lunch, afternoon tea (in a grand setting), entry fees. LIST: Be posted at July 17 meeting.

FRIDAY MAY 9TH TO MONDAY MAY 12TH, 1997 (4 Day/3 Night) MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON PASSENGER VESSEL "PROUD MARY" Maximum 35 - Current bookings 42. \*\*Emergencies invited - list at meeting\*\* Cost: \$435.00/Person Twin Share. (Based on 30 paying travellers) (One single prepared to share a Stateroom with Coach Captain).

Day 1 : Travel by Road Coach to Murray Bridge and board "Proud Mary". Visit to "Cottage Box Chocolates".

Day 2 : Cruising the Murray River and shore excursions.

Day 3 : Cruising the Murray River and shore excursions, arrive Murray Bridge 4.30 p.m. Stay overnight at Murray Bridge Motor Inn.

Day 4 : Depart by Road Coach for Bendigo.

Proud Mary Cruise includes all meals, morning and afternoon teas, accommodation in Staterooms (Twin Share), activities and entertainment, shore excursions - "a leisurely interest packed trip".

\$435.00/Person includes Road Coach, Proud Mary Package and Murray Bridge Motor Inn (D.B.B.) Payments: Deposits \$50.00/Person due at September 18th meeting. Insurance: At \$19.00/Person recommended if taking - pay September 18th meeting. Balance payments due at March 20th Meeting. \*\*Full details/Itineraries available at July 17th Meeting.

Arthur Eaton.

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POLICE H.Q. AND MUSEUM, CASINO, NEW MELBOURNE EXHIBITION CENTRE TOUR.

It was a very cold, frosty Friday 14th June as we commenced our journey to Melbourne.

Arriving at the World Trade Centre frost turned to warm sunshine as we entered the building to visit the Police Museum. This was as interesting start to the day as we read and studied old photographs of early police history, noting how much had changed from those early days up to our modern force, from uniforms, insignias badges even to a push bike used to patrol city streets, these now replaced by high powered motor bikes of today.

Our Guide explained that Victoria Police were the first Police force in the world to experiment with mobile communication with limited success as early as the late 1920's.

Ned Kelly's armour was also on display. We were told that this was one of a group of four which was used by Kelly and his gang on that fateful day, one being in the Melbourne Gaol, one in Canberra and the fourth in a private collection. No one is quite sure if all the correct pieces were fitted to each armour, due to the confusion during the siege.

The next item on the programme was a visit to the Crown Casino which is situated on the same floor in the same building as Police Headquarters. Here we could stroll around the gaming tables, see how people could either win or lose lots of money or try their luck at the poker machines. We were fortunate to be there on Senior Citizens Day and by filling a form, we became members with a complimentary lunch voucher, tea and coffee and cash to spend as we wished. This indeed was a pleasant surprise.

Rejoining the bus we crossed the river to the recently completed Melbourne Exhibition Centre to see the Holiday and Travel Show where all tastes for holidays and recreation were catered for both in Australia and Overseas. This is an enormous building and an ideal venue for this type of show with its many information stands all telling us that we must visit this or that country or state and tempting us with food, confectionery, wine tasting and dancing displays. I've been reliably informed that the prawns from the Queensland stand tasted delicious.

On leaving this very interesting exhibition, many of our group were carrying bags of brochures and smiles on their faces with perhaps more exciting holiday destinations on their minds or they may even have won on the pokies.

Now it was time to board the bus and head for home after another one of Arthur's interest packed days, tired, but having had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Alan Michelsen.

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PROPOSED DATES FOR PROBUS BOWLS IN COMING SEASON.

Thursday	17 Oct. 1996	Eaglehawk
Tuesday	12 Nov. 1996	South Bendigo
Thursday	05 Dec. 1996	Bendigo
Thursday	16 Jan. 1997	Bendigo East
Wednesday	12 Feb. 1997	North Bendigo
Wednesday	12 March 1997	Woodbury
Thursday	17 April 1997	Sandhurst Probus

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KEN COLES HAS SUPPLIED THIS PRELIMINARY NOTICE -  
PROBUS CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH ANNUAL PICNIC - MONDAY 30.9.96