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Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00 am. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Terry Davidson whose subject will be Internet Connections.



At the June meeting the guest speaker was Dorothy Crothers, wife of Probian Alec Crothers who introduced her. The subject of her talk was "Going To Court".

Dorothy was born, educated and worked in Manchester until after her marriage to Alec. They subsequently moved to the London area for a number of years before travelling to Australia where they settled in Bendigo.

After a number of years in teaching, Dorothy became a volunteer Networker at the Bendigo Law Courts. The aim of Court Network is to remove the barriers so that people can access the judicial process. It is done in three ways; by offering support, by offering information and by referral. When you enter the Law Courts, you will probably find two people wearing badges that show that they are volunteer Networkers.

The volunteers were started by a lady named Carmel Benjamin in 1980 at the Prahran Law Courts who realised that there was a need for a support system for those who had to attend the court.

In 1981 a similar service started in Bendigo and in 1983 Bendigo and Melbourne combined to form the basis of the current Network. At the moment the Court Network Service works in Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong and Gippsland and there is also a telephone service available to anyone within the state. There are approximately 400 volunteers and 24 paid members statewide and the service is financed by the State and Federal Attorney General's offices. As Bendigo covers the whole of the court system, Dorothy can be working in any of the courts here.

Contacting a Networker is not a formal process. They will greet people coming in, ask them if they want help or people may be referred to the volunteer by police, solicitor or other official.

The volunteers help in various ways, such as physical assistance and security, emotional support, providing information on the court process, such as the reason for a delay, or the layout of the court. Sometimes people come out of the court not knowing quite what happened and want to have the result explained to them. They will also refer people to other support agencies.

Mondays and Fridays are busy days where there are miscellaneous offences, including traffic and drug offences, Tuesday is drunks day, particularly busy after the Bendigo Cup.

Ralph Michell Thanked Dorothy for her interesting and informative talk and made the usual presentation. Dorothy responded by saying that now she had 2 Probus mugs.

VALE

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of our esteemed foundation member, John Griffen, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Joyce.

We also note, with regret, the passing of our esteemed member, Bill Foster, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Gwen.

SICK LIST

A number of our members have had operations, or are unwell. It is hoped that they are on the improve and will soon be able to return to our meetings.

ANNUAL SUBS.

It was disclosed at the June meeting that several members had not yet paid their \$20 annual subscription. Prompt attention to this minor detail would be appreciated.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Would members please amend the entry in their membership book for Dal Martin. His address should read Harpin Place, not Harpin Street.

LUNCHEON

After the September 15th meeting, to which the ladies are invited, we will adjourn to the Bendigo Club for lunch. The menu will be either roast beef or fish (your choice) and a sweet, while the charge will be \$11.00 per head. A listing will be tabled at the July meeting with payment at the August meeting. A large attendance would be appreciated.

ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

This was attended by 79 Probians, their partners and friends at the B.R.I.T. Restaurant Hospitality Centre. Congratulations for a wonderful evening superbly organized by Cliff and Co. The festivities were added to by the wonderful vocalist, Allison Grenfell, and ably accompanied by Graham Knight.

\$400 of prizes were donated by Bendigo Traders and these were drawn throughout the evening to add to the fun. They were well received.

The venue, meal and atmosphere were absolutely superb and we look forward to next years event. Thank you Cliff and keep up the good work.



Barry O'Brien



TRIPS INFORMATION JULY 21st, 1999.

TRIP OF THE YEAR TO "SUNGOLD" HARBOUR SIDE RESORT - SOUTHPORT QLD

SUNDAY JULY 25th, 1999 to SUNDAY AUGUST 8th, 1999 (15 Day/14 Night)

TOTAL COST: \$1410.00 Includes: Transport: Bendigo-Tullarmarine-Bendigo,

Air Fares, Accommodation - Twin Share, Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Tours: 5 days each week.

***** Airline Tickets for distribution at July 21st meeting**

***** Maximum Booking: (49) Current: (41) Vacancies exist:**

Coach Departs Sunday July 25th from Strath Community Ctre Crook St at 8.45 am, please be early and report at 8.30 am.

**** Please refer to Gold Pamphlet/details as issued to each person**

**** Any queries please call Arthur 5443 9162.**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24th, 1999.

Maximum: (49)

TRIP TO TESSELARS TULIP FESTIVAL & RHODODENDRON GARDENS

Depart: 7.30am. Home: Approx 6.00pm.

**** First we visit the Tulip Festival, tens of thousands of tulips, thousands of daffodils, a breathtaking tapestry of colour.**

LUNCH: Buy Own. A selection of hot foods, ice creams, soft drinks, "Dutch Treats" available, or take own picnic lunch - lawn areas.

**** Second. A visit to the "Rhododendron Gardens" covers many acres a blaze of colour.**

See the Dandenongs at their best.

"This trip is a "beauty," an interesting & enjoyable trip assured.

***** I require a positive response, if going North, contact Arthur**

COST: \$25.00 per person, includes: Coach & entry fees.

LISTING: At July 21st meeting. PAYMENTS: At August 18th meeting.

TRIP OF THE YEAR - NEW ZEALAND - WED MARCH 29,-TUE APRIL 11, 2000
EVERGREEN TOURS "14 DAY CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND"- NTH & SOUTH ISLANDS
MAXIMUM: (48) CURRENT BOOKINGS: (40)

Brochures & Blue Pamphlet: have been given to each person booked.
Excellent Group Price: (15 - 30) \$2420.00; (30 - 37) \$2390.00;
Over (37) passengers: price will decrease. Price represents a
saving of approx \$700 / person from original brochure price.
Price Includes: Transport Bendigo-Tullarmarine-Bendigo, Air Fares,
Accommodation: Four Star: Dinner, Bed, Breakfasts, Tours & Entrance Fees
Aust. Airport Departure Tax & Trans-Alpine Rail also included.

DEPOSITS: Payment of \$150.00/person at July 21st meeting, but no later than August 18th
meeting please. PASSPORTS: Are required.
For information & renewal, phone 13 1232. Cost: \$126.00 each, valid for 10 years.
INSURANCE: Pamphlet/Applications & additional Trip Brochures/Pamphlets available from
Arthur 5443 9162.

PROPOSED TRIPS:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 28th, 1999: TRIP TO GEELONG. (COST: \$25/person)
Visits to: Ford Discovery Ctre, Aust. Wool Museum, Cunningham Pier
Details in August Probe. List: August meeting. Payment: Sep't meeting

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25th, 1999: TRIP TO MELBOURNE. Approx \$26/person
Visits to: Imax Theatre & Emigration Museum & or City Link.

***To assist collectors, please tender correct money. If payment by cheque, please ensure
details written on back of cheque.

Arthur Eaton

THANK YOU

My special thanks to Alec Crothers for taking over the preparation of Probe for the last 3
months while I was absent. It is always difficult to obtain help in these circumstances and
Alec's willingness to assist is much appreciated by the committee and myself.

