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**The Guest Speaker today is Margot Spalding who will be speaking about Jimmy Possum Furniture**

Last month our guest speaker was Murray Mansfield. Murray was introduced by President Alan, and he spoke on the Commonwealth Youth Games 2004. This great event has been awarded to Bendigo and will take place from 29th November to 4th December. On November 29th, the visitors will be installed in residence at the Student Accommodation for Latrobe University Bendigo Campus in Retreat Road.

The competitions will number 1000 approximately, and there will be also the officials, team managers and so on.

The participants will arrive from all over the Commonwealth countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and America; and of course Australasia.

There will be 10 sports to be seen, not simply track and field athletics, but boxing, badminton, rugby 7's and so on. All these sports will need controlling officials, starters, judges, umpires, recorders, timing officials etc.

The organisers are calling for 1000 volunteers, for the games offices, ticket sales, transport and so on. These people will have introductory instruction for what they have to do, and will be given uniforms and official badges.

Besides the sporting activity, Bendigo itself will be on show, six days are available to show the World what this city has to offer. It is estimated that 2000 visitors will inject something like \$6,000,000 into the city's economy.

## FUTURE EVENTS

On 15th December, the third Wednesday of th month, we shall have the Christmas Luncheon, at the Foundry Arms again. Even further in the future the bowls will recommence in February. (see bowls notes)

### *Vale*

With deep regret we have to record the loss of wives of two members. On 19th June Norma Binks passed on and on 1st July we lost Carol Chenery, two lovely ladies.

On 12th June Irwin John Dack O.A.M., D.F.C., brother of Norm Dack, Died.

More cheerfully, we have the following birthdays.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months . . .

### AUGUST 2004

|    |                 |    |
|----|-----------------|----|
| 05 | Frank O'Connell | 80 |
| 05 | Gordon Rayson   | 78 |
| 14 | Jack Kelly      | 80 |
| 17 | Jim Forsyth     | 81 |
| 23 | Don Donaldson   | 89 |
| 24 | Colin McLean    | 81 |

### SEPTEMBER 2004

|    |                 |    |
|----|-----------------|----|
| 01 | Dick Opie       | 89 |
| 03 | John Stephens   | 74 |
| 07 | Bryan Armstrong | 76 |
| 13 | Len Hodren      | 70 |
| 15 | Jack Davies     | 89 |
| 16 | Rupert Reynolds | 77 |
| 22 | Jock Crook      | 81 |
| 27 | Doug Laity      | 72 |

Congratulations to all of the above.

Note: If you do not wish to have your birthday published in "Probe" please advise the secretary.

## Bowls Notes

With bowls in recess for the winter, there are a few dates Bowlers may wish to enter in their diaries for the coming season, commencing with:

Eaglehawk - Tuesday 19th October

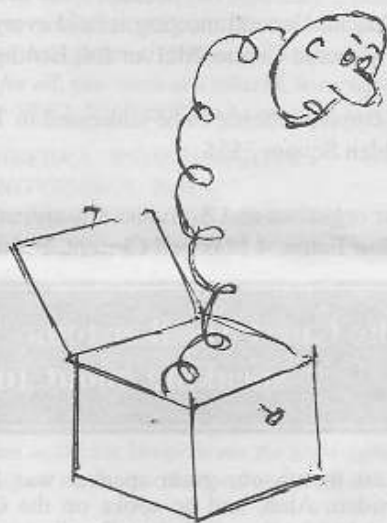
South Bendigo - Tuesday 23rd November

Bendigo - Thursday 9th December

As we are hosts for the Probus District Championship, please keep this day clear in February - Thursday 24th, 2005.

To those members going North enjoy your bowls and return refreshed for our October game.

For B.O.B.



My God, I'm a jack in the box

## PARACHUTIST TO REPEAT FATAL JUMP



A famous surgeon, rather surprised, walked over to where Jerry was working on a car. Jerry, in a loud voice that all could hear said argumentatively "So Mr. Fancy doctor, look at this work. I too, take valves out, grind them, put in new parts, and when I'm finished, this baby will purr like a kitten. So how come you get such big bucks, when you and me are doing basically the same work?"

The doctor duly replied, "Try doing your work with the engine running."



### PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIPS INFORMATION

On Thursday 22nd April our Group of 18 consisting of Probians, wives and a friend of Probus departed at 8.45am from Crook Street **for what proved to be a most enjoyable, interesting and informative local area tour.** Our Coach Driver on this occasion was David Jackman of Bendigo Coach Lines.

First visit was to **Confectionery Capers** which is situated 10km from Bendigo on the McIvor Highway.

Upon arrival at 9.00am we were cordially welcomed by Owner/Operator Campbell Smith who outlined the essentials of Confectionery Capers. The name is a Marketing Theme, although lollies are in abundance, they are not the core of the operation which sets out to:

1. Challenge and make you think; 2. It emphasises the importance of the Humble Wheel (man's greatest invention), basic applied mechanics; 3. About the English language; 4. That Lollies are used as a Marketing Mode. **The wheel is the most important component of the operation of this attraction.**

The attraction was lively, creative, and imaginary, and most interesting, it is considered to be the only one of its type in the world. It was created, designed and constructed by Campbell and been open for 10 years.

Our next visit was to **Living Wings and Things** (located near the Bendigo Pottery) where we were met by owner Peter Hamilton. Upon arrival we were served Tea/Coffee and biscuits, at the conclusion of which Peter conducted our Group on a tour of the attraction. **The facility has:** 60 varieties of colourful birds in 30 aviaries (of which 2 were large walk in aviaries), an indoor tropical enclosure housing some unusual plants with seasonal butterflies. The animals included dingoes, wallabies and possums and the Reptile House a collection of lizards, python snakes and a crocodile safely housed behind glass.

Peter possessed and infinite knowledge of the birds, animals and reptiles housed in the facility and gave an interesting commentary throughout the tour.

Our final destination was to **the House of Khong** for a Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch consisting of a variety of tasty dishes of which you could eat as much as you so desired.

**Summary:** Those who travelled on the tour and visited Confectionery Capers & Wings & Living Things were surprised at the high quality and amount of interesting things at both of these local venues.

In short they deemed it to be a most interesting, informative and enjoyable outing with great variety.

**LITTLE DESERT TOUR:** Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd September. (3 Days/2Nights)

**Staying at Little Desert Lodge (Near Nhill in Victoria.) Have you seen TV Advert ?**

Maximum: (40) Current Bookings: (42)

\*\*\* Emergencies required:

**COST: \$264.00/Person. Includes: Road Coach, Accommodation (En Suite), All Meals, Entrance Fees. Single Supplement:** (If room on own, add \$40.00/person.)

The Little Desert Nature Lodge is a peaceful retreat located on the edge of the Little Desert National Park. The Lodge offers comfortable facilities, warm hospitality and a memorable environmental experience. Set in natural bushland of 117 hectares and managed since 1976 by local "living treasure" Whimpey Reichelt, share in his knowledge and passion for the Little Desert. Our stay includes much variety.

**On Day 1:** Some free time, at 8.00pm we are taken on a guided "Nocturnal Walk," see the nocturnal creatures of the bush including Sugar Gliders, Bettongs and Sone-Curlews, listen to the many sounds of the night.

**Day 2:** A comfortable 4 WD Tour; we see many varieties of **Spring Wildflowers**, as well as birds & animals which inhabit the unique Little Desert Environment. We have lunch in the bush with "billytea" After dinner Whimpey will show a Video Presentation "Whimpey's World - Little Desert Flora & Fauna" with particular focus on the Malley Fowl bird. (An excellent video.)

**Day 3:** At 9.00am, after breakfast we depart for a tour of the Mallee Fowl Sanctuary, a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. A Light Lunch will be provided prior to our departure from the Lodge at 12 Noon.

*This will be an excellent trip, with much of interest for all, and taken at a relaxed, leisurely pace.*

**LIST:** Again available at meeting Wed 19th May. \*\* **FULL PAYMENTS:** At meeting 21st July.

#### **PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIP TO CANBERRA - 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS**

**MONDAY 22nd TO FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2004**

*Based on Minimum of (35) to travel. Max: (49) Current expressions of interest (40)*

\*\* Confirmation of bookings 19th May meeting please.

\*\* **COST: \$457.00 per person (Twin Share)**

\*\* A Single Supplement of \$140 would apply if request for a room on own.)

\*\* Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees and Lunches on days 2,3,4.

\*\* The Itinerary includes visits/tours to: Royal Australian Mint, National Capital Exhibition, Southern Cross Cruise, Cockington Green, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Screen Sound Australia, High Court, National Gallery, Deep Space Complex. We will visit Mt. Ainslee for superb views of the City and one evening be taken to Telstra Tower to see the night lights of Canberra. During travel en route we will see the Dog on the Tucker Box and visit Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece near Gundagia.

\*\* The 5 Day/4 Night Canberra Tour Itinerary, ( which may be amended to suit.) will be available for your perusal/suggestions again at meeting on Wednesday 19th May.

\*\* Confirmation of Bookings: At 19th May meeting. On List of Names of those who expressed interest, please record your confirmation of booking in the appropriate column on the list

\*\* Deposits: \$50.00 / person at June Meeting. **BALANCE/FINAL PAYMENT: Sep't 15th Meeting**

\*\* Further expressions of interest are required for this Tour in order to cater for any cancellations, ( we can take up to (49 persons)

\*\* I seek the support of members, Friends of Probus Members are invited to join this trip.

