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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**The Speaker for the July Meeting will be Stephen Bennett (son of Ian). Subject, the Grain Industry.**

In the absence of President Alec, due to illness, Vice President John White, introduced two members of the Strathfieldsaye Lions Club, namely Brenda McDonald, who attended to the slides being show in Co-ordination with Mike Hamarhan who did the narration.

Our largest attendance for a long time, including eighteen ladies were informed in a very profession manner as to what can occur to our vision as we age. The main cause being as follows:

**GLAUCOMA** can cause tunnel vision and blurring of central vision.

**CATARACTS** can lead to blurred vision and sensitivity to glare.

**MACULAR DEGENERATION** blurs central vision used for detailed tasks.

**RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA** may cause tunnel vision and night blindness

**DIABETIC RETINOPATH** causes reduced vision, sensitivity to glare for more information contact the Lions Eye Health Program Australia on 1800 010 234.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

## FOUNDATION MEMBERS LUNCHEON

We had a record attendance at the Foundation Members Luncheon on June 20. Twenty of us sat down to enjoy a good meal, well cooked and promptly and efficiently served. The meeting was at the Reservoir Hotel. Perhaps the good attendance resulted from the nature of the General Meeting proceeding, a meeting to which ladies were invited.

The next luncheon, on Wednesday, July 18, will be at the One Tree Hill Hotel in Spring Gully, at the junction of Retreat Road and Spring Gully Road. Ample parking is available there.

### PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Now that we are in the second half of the year, we can start keeping in mind the Annual Christmas Luncheon. Make a note in your diary so that you keep the date free. The date is Wednesday, December 4, 2007.

### WELFARE OFFICER

We need someone to extend the hand of friendship to those members who are unwell. Contacting them either per phone or personal visit. This is not an arduous task and can be shared with others. Reimbursement for phone calls etc. is available. Can you help?

EDITOR

### XMAS FUNCTION

Many thanks for the members who have already pledged bottles of wine. We have no intention of saying no to more wine. But may we humbly suggest more variety e.g. biscuits, cakes, etc.

EDITOR

### USELESS INFORMATION

Mozart wrote the nursery rhyme 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' at the age of five.

In English, four is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value.

Frogs must close their eyes to swallow.

Fresh apples float because 25% of their volume is air.

Hippopotami can't swim.

There are 3 golf balls sitting on the moon.

Cleopatra married two of her brothers.

A hamlet is a village without a church and a town is not a city until it has a cathedral.

EDITOR



## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

### LOCAL TOURING-TUESDAY 24TH JULY

Jimmy Possum Furniture, Smorgasboard Chinese Lunch, Planetarium

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Includes: Coach, Lunch & Tour Costs. Based on (30)

Depart 10.30am from Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

11.00am: Conducted Tour of Jimmy Possum Furniture, acclaimed Australia wide. 12.30pm: House of Khong Hargreaves St: Smorgasboard Chinese Banquet Lunch, 17 courses to choose from, eat as much as you can, Tea/Coffee provided.

2.30pm: Discovery Science & Technology Centre: A Planetarium Show and afterwards experience some of the 120 interactive exhibits. Finish approx 4.00pm.

*An interesting, relaxed, informative outing at a leisurely pace, please support it.*

Following (25) bookings received: (5 Vacancies). Asterick \* indicates yet to pay.

\*ARMSTRONG. B. (1), BENNETT. I. (1), CHENERY. R (1) \*CLEMENS. W. (2),

\*COURT. A. (1), COWLING. A. (2), \*GLOSTER. K. (2), GOODRICH. P. (2),

\*EATON. A. (1), MICHELSEN. B.(1), \*MILLER. M. (1), RANDALL. P (1),

\*WARD.H. (1), WHITE. J. (1), WINZAR. W. (1), \*BRUHN. B. (1),

\*HIMSWORTH. F. (2), \*TRUSCOTT. I. (1), C. THOMSON.

\*TRUSCOTT. W. (1) \*Outstanding payments: please pay at meeting Wed 18th July.

## TRIP TO LOCKINGTON AREA

Maximum: (52) Sharing with Sandhurst 26/26 TUESDAY 21st AUGUST, 2007

Cost: \$30.00 per person. Includes: Coach, Lunch & Tour Costs. Based on (35)

Depart 9.00am from Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

Our first visit will be to *Fields Succulent and Cactus Farm at Tennyson*, a family business with experience dating back to 1908. Here, we will see the *largest collection of mature plants in Australia, over 2000 varieties* in a two & half acre natural setting, we will have a conducted tour. A *unique experience. As well as Cacti & Succulent plants, they also have a variety of Aloe Vera Products for sale.*

Our next visit is to *Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex*, here we take a *trip down memory lane*, we will have a guided tour, see over an *extensive range* of historical artefacts that were used in the district. **exhibits include:** General displays, Creamery exhibit, Shearing Shed, Blacksmiths, a Shop, Dairy Shed and many more, displays are continually being developed.. There is *plenty of seating available* in the tearooms during our stay. **Lunch:** The Lockington volunteers will provide us with a *delicious two course lunch* in the function & tea room of the complex.

*The following (23) bookings were received at and following the June meeting:*

ARMSTRONG. B. (1), BENNETT. I. (2), BINKS. C. (1), CHENERY. R (1), COLES. K.

(1), COWLING. A. (2), EATON. A. (2), GLOSTER. K. (2), GOODRICH. P. (2),

MILLER. M. (1), RANDALL. P. (1), THORNTON. P (2), WARD. H. (1), WHITE. J. (1),

WINZAR.W. (1), BRUHN. B. (1),

HIMSWORTH. F. (1) VACANCIES (3), EMERGENCIES: Invited

*Payments please at meeting on Wednesday 18th July.)*

## TRIP TO BOORT "Country Town of Prosperity."

Maximum: (52) Sharing with Sandhurst 26/26 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2007

Cost: \$45.00 per person. Includes: Coach, Lunch & Tour Costs. Based on (35)

Depart 8.30am from Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

On arrival at Boort Lake we meet our Guide Robyn Vella of Loddon Discovery Tours or her Deputy who will be our guide for our Tour.

First we travel to *Simply Tomatoes* to learn about Tomato production, where we will be treated to a *scrumptious morning tea.*

Next we visit *Glencoe Fish Hatchery*, a state of the art facility, see some of Australia's largest domesticated Murray Cod. Barrimundi is also grown in tanks.

**Lunch:** In the lounge of either the friendly Railway or Commercial Hotel in Boort.

**Boort Olive Plantation:** We take a leisurely drive through the plantation, which when fully established, may be the largest irrigated Olive Plantation in the world.

**LIST of Bookings:** At meeting Wed. 18th July. Payments: 15th August meeting

## **Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th October, 2005**

**4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS - Proposed TRIP TO WARRNAMBOOL/PORTLAND AREAS.**

**Maximum: (25 rooms) Sharing with Sandhurst Probuss Club. On an equal basis.**

**Cost: (Minimum (30) \$475/person Twin Share. Single Sup: \$124**

**Cost: (Minimum (35) \$460/person Twin share. Single Sup: \$124**

**INCLUDED:** *Coach travel, dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch on day 2 & luncheon cruise on Day 3 & entrance fees as per itinerary*

**\*\* The following (23) Expressions of Interest were received at June 20th meeting, please confirm your bookings at meeting on Wed 18th July**

**ARMSTRONG. B. (1), BENNETT. I. (1), BRUHN. N. (2), COWLING. A. (2), EATON. A. (2), GLOSTER. K. (2), LAITY. D. (2), MICHELL..R. (1), MICHELSEN. B. (1), MILLER. M. (1), SLADE. C. (2), SPICER. W. (2), HIMSWORTH. F.(1), TRUSCOTT. I. (1), TRUSCOTT. W (1)**

**\*\* Copies of the Itinerary available for each at meeting on Wed. 18th July.**

### **DAY 1 - TUESDAY 9th (D)**

Leave Bendigo and travel firstly to Ballarat and then through Colac to Warrnambool. Upon arrival in Warrnambool, we will then be taken on a guided tour of Warrnambool. We then book into the motel for the next 2 nights.

### **DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 10th (B,L,D)**

This morning we will travel to Port Fairy for a town tour of the area. We then return to Warrnambool for lunch. In the afternoon we will be taken on a drive through at Tower Hill State Game Reserve, which is nestled inside a dormant volcano and today is a beautiful haven for wildlife. Billed as Warrnambool's "mini Niagara", the Hopkins Falls are 13km north-east of the city, set amid rolling countryside. Later this evening we travel to Flagstaff Hill to view "Shipwrecked". "Shipwrecked" is a complete theatrical experience that magically brings to life the tragic story of the Loch Ard disaster in a uniquely entertaining presentation. We then return to the motel for the night.

### **DAY 3 - THURSDAY 11th (B,L,D)**

Today we venture to Portland. On the way we will visit the Codrington Wind Farm. Codrington Wind Farm consists of 14 windmills standing on hills overlooking the Southern Ocean. Each windmill has the generating capacity to supply power to 1000 homes. Other than the wind, they utilise no natural resources, exude no greenhouse gasses and are relatively silent. From here we travel to Nelson for a cruise on the Glenelg River. On our return to Portland we will visit the Petrified Forest and the Blowholes. We then check into the **Portland Motel for the night.**

### **DAY 4 - FRIDAY 12th (B)**

Before returning to Bendigo, we will be taken on a guided tour of Portland. Then we begin the return journey home travelling via Hamilton where we will stop for a guided tour. We then continue on home arriving back late afternoon.

**In order for these tours to be a success and viable I seek a positive response and support from the membership of our Club. Enquiries to Arthur: Phone 5443 9162**