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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 Guest Speaker for the July Meeting will be from Envisage Tours, who will be making a special visit to our club to explain to members etc., regarding our trip to Norfolk Island. We invite you to bring your wife/partner, all guests will be welcome.

- Barry, O'B.

At the June meeting president John introduced John Sirolli, Bendigo Bank Regional Manager, who informed the members that the Bendigo Bank traces its history back to 1858 and has always made a profit since that time. In the 1900's some 2000 bank branches were closed throughout Australia and communities were powerless to stop it happening in 1998 Bendigo Bank started Community Branches and 130 plus were opened in the first six years, giving local communities a chance to take control of their own destiny. the 216th branch opened in 2008. The branches have approx 50,000 local share holders. After answering questions from members, Bryan Armstrong made the usual presentation.

- Editor

EDITORS NOTE

Owing to some members having difficulty in reading "PROBE" on blue paper in the new format we have decided to have it printed on white paper with black print, hope this helps. The other alternative was to increase the size of the print, but that would reduce the contents.

- Editor.

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

Birthday Wishes

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

August 2008			September 2008		
05	Frank O'Connell	84	01	Dick Opie	93
14	Jack Kelly	84	03	John Stephens	78
24	Colin McLean	85	07	Bryan Armstrong	80
			13	Ern Holland	66
			16	Rupert Reynolds	81
			27	Doug Laity	76

Congratulations to all the above, especially **BRYAN ARMSTRONG** and to our **most senior** member **DICK OPIE**.

Note: If you do not wish your birthday be published in the "Pobe " Please advise the Secretary.

- Bob C.

Foundation Members Luncheon

For the July Luncheon we have a booking at the British and American Chinese Restaurant in Eaglehawk Road, There is ample space in the car park. Last month we lunched at the Foundary Hotel, we had eight participants and had a good meal, with fine conversation. In order to make the booking as regards numbers please inform Dorothy (Phone 5443 2642) if you propose to be there.

- Alec C.

WELFARE NEWS

Wally Spicer is now home from hospital and after a minor setback is slowly improving.
Peter Goodrich is now at Bentleys aged care.

- Peter R.

New Members

At the June Meeting two new members were inducted into our club by President John Arthur Eaton introduced George Hinsworth and Don Ridge was introduced by Hugh Ward. George was born in Manchest U.K. in 1931, started work as an apprentice fitter in Jan 1945. He arrived in Australia Ocvtober 1949 and worked at Thompsons Foundary, Leaving there in 1952 to work at Bendigo Ordinance Factory, he has also worked at Dockyards in Williamstown, West Aust. and N.S.W. George is married to Faye and they have one daughter Joanne.

Don was born in South Australia, his first position was a Primary School Teacher at the age of 17, after 12 months he joined the Royal Australian Survey Corps, Rising through the ranks to that of Lieutenant Colonel. He was appointed Commanding Officer of the Survey Unit and Fortuna. He is an enthusiastic member of the Bendigo Yacht Club. Don is married to Ruth and they have four children.

- Editor.

USELESS INFORMATION

- Shirley Temple made \$1 Million by the age of 10.
- The letter w is the only letter in the alphabet that doesn't have one syllable, it has three.
- The word racecar and kayak are palindromes the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.
- The most common name in the world is Mohammed.
- The Great Wall of China which is over 2,500 miles took over 1,700 years to build.
- Cats have over 100 vocal sounds while dogs only have about 10.
- There is cyanide in apple pips.
- Katherine Hepburn is the only actress to win four Oscars for Best Actress.
- The most difficult tongue-twister is "The Sixth Sick Sheiks Sixth Sheep Sick"

- Editor.

Humour For Lexophiles (Lovers of Words)

- I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- Police were called to a day care where a 3-yr-old was resisting a rest.
 - Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
 - The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
 - The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
 - To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
 - When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
 - The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
 - A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.
 - A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.
 - When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
 - The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
 - A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
 - A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
 - A will is a dead giveaway.
 - Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
 - A backward poet writes inverse.
 - In a democracy it's you vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
 - A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
 - If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
- A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France and resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
 - You are stuck with you debt if you can't budge it.
 - A calendar's days are numbered.
 - A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.'
 - A boiled egg is hard to beat.
 - He had a photographic memory, which was never developed.
 - Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
 - When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
 - When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
 - Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
 - Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
 - Acupuncture; a jab well done.

- Warren W.

**TUESDAY 29TH JULY: TOUR OF BENDIGO BANK
- LUNCH AT HOUSE OF KHONG**

Maximum: (Tour is Full.) A relaxed, interesting and enjoyable outing.

Depart by Coach at 10.30am: From Strath Community Ctre Car Park, Crook St.

11.00am: Conducted Tour of the Bendigo Bank.

At conclusion of tour, transported by Coach to House of Khong, 200 Hargreaves St.

12.30pm: Chinese Smorgasboard Lunch (At House of Khong)

2.00pm: Depart from House of Khong - 2.30pm Arrive Strath Community Car Park

COST: \$15.00/person Includes: Coach Fare, Tour of Bank, Chinese Smorgasboard Lunch

ACCEPTANCES: B. Armstrong (1), N. Bruhn (2), W. Clemens (2), A. Court (1), A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), K. Gloster (2), F. Holland (2), T. Iser (1), D. Laity (2), B. Michelson (2), R. Michell * (1), B. O'Brien* (2), P. Randall* (2), M. Shipp (1), A. Stephens (2), J. White (1), W. Winzar (1), **YET TO PAY:** R. Chenery (1), A. Dingle (2), K. Proud (2), Redmond. W. (1), H. Ward (1),

PROBUS TRIP TO NORFOLK ISLAND.

FRIDAY 10TH to FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER, 2008. 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Travel is with: Envisage Tours: "A Part of Australia Pacific Tours Group"

COST: 10-20 Passengers: \$2299.00 (Twin share.) Over 20 Passengers: \$2249.00 (Twin share.) Single Supplement if req'd: Add: \$450

Includes: Economy Air Travel, Accommodation at South Pacific Resort, Meals, Sightseeing & Entrance Fees as per Itinerary, Local Driver/Escort, return subsidised Coach transfers to Melbourne Airport, Travel Bag & Wallet.

Not Included: Airport Taxes of Approximately \$200.00

Insurance: Is strongly recommended.

Required: Australian Passport: - (valid for 6 months after 17th Oct.'08) or "Document of Identity:" - obtainable at Post Office (At a minimal Fee for Photos approx \$12.00.)

Flights with Norfolk Air:

Friday 10th October Melb to Norfolk Island 12.50pm to 5.50pm

Friday 17th October Norfolk Island to Melb 8.00am to 11.50am

Copies of: The 8 Days/7 Nights Norfolk Island Tour Itinerary & details available at meeting:

** There are still a few Vacancies for the Tour: (Friends of Probus are welcome.)

I would suggest you do not delay too long if you wish to go on the tour

To secure a booking/or bookings on the Tour: A non-refundable Deposit of \$250.00 per person (by Cheque made out to Envisage Tours,) together with a completed booking form (which I will provide), will be required. (** Forward these to Tour Organiser Arthur.) Please contact Arthur on (Ph. 5443 9162)

Monday 11th August.: Final payment (Payment to be made direct to Envisage Tours.)

** Additional payment information will be given to those who wish to participate on the tour.

A Representative from Envisage Tours will be the Guest Speaker at our meeting Wed. 16th July, she will speak on the Norfolk Island Tour and will also speak on other aspects of travel. She is pleased to have the opportunity to meet those people already booked on the tour, and to answer any questions you may have.