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A special General meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
At 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**The speaker for the 21st July Meeting will be Bob Osborne
30year Rotarian, 16 year Probian and Marriage Celebrant.
Past Secretary PCSP, Past President Vic Probus Assoc.**

The meeting on the sixteenth of June was momentous for two reasons. Firstly members unanimously adopted the Recommended Constitution and secondly they unanimously adopted the 11 standing resolutions allowing the Club to admit Ladies as members. A huge leap forward for the Club as already we have a number of applications from ladies also two or three from men. Well done Gentlemen !!

Arthur Eaton introduced our guest speaker for today who was Bev Christian from PROUD AUSTRALIA HOLIDAYS and her topic was the forthcoming MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS- 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISCOVERY TOUR. Her talk started with a very picturesque DVD of the Murray River part of the Tour followed by a detailed run down of the full itinerary. Members were able to ask questions which were answered fully. Arthur even managed to get her to extend the deadline for a \$100 discount by a further two weeks! Arthur thanked Bev for her illuminating talk and presentation and after being presented with our Probus Mug Bev joined us for lunch at the members luncheon which was well attended at The Brougham Arms in Williamson Street.

Thank you Dorothy for organising an excellent Venue.

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE JULY MEETING WHEN WE WILL BE INDUCTING A NUMBER OF LADIES TO OUR CLUB FOR THE FIRST TIME!! LET'S MAKE THEM MOST WELCOME AND ENJOY THEIR FELLOWSHIP !

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Another Landmark for Probus Club of Bendigo!

On behalf of our Committee we sincerely thank each and everyone of our members for their unanimous support in our endeavours to put our house in order and revitalise our proud Club. "What a difference a day makes"; following the meeting we now have to date, **ten potential new members** with further applications pending. We also propose to promote our club via Radio promo's which should attract additional members.

Another Landmark will occur when we induct (In globo) record numbers at our July meeting.

Additionally, we encourage old and new members to assist in the overall administration as many hands make light work!

Thanks go to Ken Gloster for his invaluable assistance that enabled us to achieve such an excellent publicity outcome.

COMMITTEE VACANCY FILLED: *President Ern is pleased to announce that Ken Crouch has agreed to fill the last remaining position on the Committee. Many thanks Ken we know you are a busy man so your contribution is greatly appreciated.*

LIES AND TRUTHS MY MOTHER TOLD ME :

If you don't behave I will pawn you and sell the ticket !

Don't keep asking me questions if you can't live with the answers !

MURPHY'S LAW :

Whenever you set out to do something, something else must be done first !

A meeting is an event where the minutes are kept and the hours are lost !

STOVIES also known as STOVED POTATOES

A great economical Scottish Dish !



10-12 Potatoes

2 Medium Sized Onions

115 grams of Dripping (or butter)

(use good roast beef dripping if available)

Salt and Pepper

Left over scraps of Lamb (Beef as an alternative is ok)

Peel and slice potatoes and place in pan with enough water to cover the base and keep the potatoes from burning. Add the sliced onions and season well with pepper and salt. Cut in the dripping or butter and add the lamb scraps. Cover the pan closely and simmer for approximately 1 hour. Serve with oatcakes (available at the supermarket) and a glass of cold milk.

Luncheon Members and Friends.

The July Luncheon is to be held at the Belmont Hotel, Skene Street, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday July 21st. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 19th. July. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.



Members Internet Survey.

All members and new members are asked to please complete this short survey and return to Mike Watt the "PROBE" editor at the next meeting or send to Mike Watt 4, McConnell Drive, JUNORTOUN, 3551 Or phone your answers to Mike on 54493925.

Name.....

Do you have internet connected at home YES / NO

If Yes is it DIALUP / BROADBAND

Your email address:

Would you be happy to receive your "PROBE" via email rather than Australia Post YES / NO

Have you visited the Club Website www.probusclubofbendigo.com.au ? YES / NO

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day Gentlemen !!

JULY		AUGUST	
13th	Robert McCaskill	5th	Frank O'Connell
19th	Ken Crouch	14th	Jack Kelly
20th	Arthur Cowling	24th	Colin McLean

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CLUB FINANCE : As at 14th June General \$1136.04 Tours \$2914.02
Banking — Cheque Account \$1420.48 Cash Account \$2629.58
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SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery !

Items for the next PROBE
Must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Wednesday 28th July

Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au



It is with great sadness that we record the recent death of our valued member Ian Carter. Ian was a Foundation Member of our Club. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Betty and family.

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The question has been asked can a Probian be a member of more than one Probus Club ?
The answer from Probus Centre South Pacific is unequivocal :
“A person can be a member of more than one club. Each club is an individual club and can not restrict an individual from being a member of more than one club.”
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TITANIC ARTEFACT TRIP:- Eleven of us caught the 7.45am train to Melbourne having first paraded before “General” Arthur and been given detailed instructions. Upon arrival, a quick taxi trip to the Melbourne Museum and morning tea in the café. Time to have a scout around before the exhibition start at 11.15am. Queue jumping was organized by Hughie Ward and the exhibition itself was absolutely mind blowing. Able to progress through at our own pace and absorb all the detail, observe all the retrieved debris and learn the story of the Titanic from drawing board to sinking to re-discovery in the deep ocean. The stories were at times quite moving. Well worth a visit and enjoyed by all. Returning to Southern Cross for a late lunch and shopping in the new centre. Train trip home left on time and Warren managed to lose his ticket but the ticket collector just clipped his Museum Brochure instead !!! A great day, great company and fantastically well organized by “General” Arthur !!!



WHEN I'M 100, IF I LEAN A LITTLE, LET ME!

The family wheeled Grandma out onto the lawn, in her wheelchair, where the activities for her 100th birthday were taking place. Grandma couldn't speak very well, but she would write notes when she needed to communicate.

After a short time out on the lawn, Grandma started leaning off to the right, so some family members grabbed her, straightened her up, and stuffed pillows on her right. A short time later, she started leaning off to her left, so again the family grabbed her and stuffed pillows on her left. Soon she started leaning forward, so the family members again grabbed her, and then tied a pillowcase around her waist to hold her up.

A nephew who arrived late came up to Grandma and said, 'Hi, Grandma, you're looking good! How are they treating you?'

Grandma took out her little notepad and slowly wrote a note to the nephew..... 'They won't let me fart.'

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All Probians and friends are invited to attend Golden Dragon Museum Tour:

Golden and Corinthian Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria. Founded 1854

Social Committee News

*An invitation to all Freemasons,
Family and Friends*

**Guided Tour of the
Golden
Dragon
Museum
Gardens and Temple**

SUNDAY, JULY 18 [1.30pm]

Cost: \$10, \$8 concession, Family (2 adults, up to 4 children) \$25

Tea rooms will be open

TO ASSIST WITH CROUP NUMBER PLEASE CONTACT:
KEN HYNES 0417032099 or KEN CROUCH 54438282

SHORTEST SHORT STORY :-



A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were: The short story had to contain the following three things:

- (1) Religion
- (2) Sexuality
- (3) Mystery

Below is the only A+ short story in the entire class.

"Good God, I'm pregnant; I wonder who did it."

**WHEN IT IS OK TO
USE A SWEAR
WORD !**



PROBUS TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND. APRIL 14th TO APRIL 28th 2010.

A group of 19 Probianas and friends met at Tullarmarine Airport and boarded the New Zealand flight to Christchurch. On arrival we were met by Tour Director Arthur Blakely and our Driver Michael Robbins and taken to our hotel for the night.

Next day our tour of the South Island began.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOUTH ISLAND.

Spectacular scenery; mountains, lakes, glaciers, rivers fiords. Magnificent DUNEDIN RAILWAY STATION.

The hilarious SCOTTISH EVENING at the hotel with Arthur and two Timboon Probianas taking part in THE CEREMONY OF THE HAGGIS.

A CRUISE ON MILFORD SOUND.

EVENING GONDOLA RIDE to the Mountain Top Restaurant at Queenstown. ARROW TOWN HERITAGE TOWN in its Autumnal beauty.

HAAST RIVER JET BOAT RIDE. 1 HOUR. With stops to learn about the flora and fauna. FOX GLACIER which is fast retreating.

GREYMOUTH and SHANTY TOWN - A well set up replica of an early Pioneer town with a historic steam train to take a ride on.

TRANS ALPINE RAIL TRIP from Greymouth to Christchurch. Mountains and canyons make this a fascinating journey

EAST COASTAL ROAD.

MONTANA WINERY.

INTER ISLAND FERRY A 3 hour sail from Picton [South Island] to Wellington [North Island]

NORTH ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS.

WELLINGTON THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

NAPIER THE ART DECOR TOWN. Rebuilt after being destroyed by an earthquake in 1931.

HUKA FALLS water rushes over the FALLS at 200,000 litres/minute.

ROTORUA. We had an evening of Maori culture with a Hangi feast; visits to Maori Arts and Crafts Centre ;Maori Village where there were hot mud springs and geysers. The Agrodrome Sheep and Dog Show.

WAITOMA GLOW WORM CAVES. Visit concluded with a silent boat ride on an underground river while overhead was a "sky of glow worm stars."

AUCKLAND. MOUNT EDEN an extinct volcano.

This was another excellent Probus trip due to the meticulous attention to detail that Arthur gave in the planning and carrying out of the itinerary. We were kept on the go but we had a wide variety of experiences.

We travelled in comfort with 19 of us in a 48 seater coach. The hotels were first class and the meals were good. Once again Arthur had arranged for perfect weather for us. The members of the group soon got to know each other and met for drinks each evening. We also got to know a group of Timboon Probianas who were touring the same route.

Our Tour Director and Driver were excellent and passionate about New Zealand. We were taken to special places that weren't on the itinerary and given interesting information throughout the trip. Tourism, dairy produce and wine are the basis of the economy; power is generated by hydro, wind and geothermal [steam].

We arrived home, tired, but very satisfied with the trip. Many thanks to Arthur.

Dorothy Crothers. 24.05.2010.



TRIP TO MELBOURNE: Explore some of Melbourne's Secrets. WED. 28th JULY

Travel will be by Train (Use your Rail Pass, Seniors Rail Pass or purchase Concession Fare.)

Depart Bendigo: By the 7.45am Train Ex Bendigo. Return by 3.15pm ex Melb. Arr: Bendigo: 5.09pm

** Be early, purchase your tickets, Assemble near the doorway to platform.- I will guide you during the day.

** Explore some of Melbourne's interesting secrets – short very interesting walking tour.

** Travel on the City Circle Tram to learn more of today's Melbourne.

** Snacks or Light Meal available for purchase at Southern Cross Station. ***“Should be an interesting outing.”***

** No Entry Fees involved ** **Phone Arthur 5443 9162** LISTt Wed 21st July Meeting

MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS - (Proud Australia Holidays.)

5 DAY/4 NIGHTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISCOVERY TOUR:

CRUISE ON MURRAY RIVER - ALSO ADELAIDE & S.A. TOUR

FRIDAY 5th to TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2010 - Min:(10), Max: (32) Current (12)

Price per Person: \$1868 Twin Share. \$2441 Single Supplement ***“Will be a great trip.”***

Includes: Transport: Bendigo to Airport & Return, Air Fares: To & From Adelaide

Airport Taxes, Accommodation & Meals (both Boat & Adelaide), Cruising & Tours

as per the Itinerary. (On this Tour: 2 Nights on the Boat & 2 Nights in Adelaide.)

Includes a “Full Day Tour” from either Adelaide to Barossa Valley or to Kangaroo Island

Note: Kangaroo Island Day Tour: Is a very long day, from approx 7.00am to 9.00pm

Barossa Valley Day Tour: Is a relaxed day, from approx 9.00am to 5.30pm

***** (Please inform Arthur which full day tour you wish to take.)***

Current Bookings/Deposits of \$200/person received (12) From: I. Bennett (1), N Bruhn (2),

A. Crothers (2), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), H. Ward (1), Geoff Rumbold (2)

Travel Insurance is recommended

Final Balance of Payments due 3rd Sep't: *To be paid direct to Proud Aust. Holidays..*

Vacancies exist: Copies of Itinerary/Booking Forms available. **Enquiries to Arthur: 5443 9162**

For New Bookings: A Deposit of \$200/person is to be lodged with the “booking form.”

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2010 - “MARY POPPINS” (A great Musical Show)

Live Show Her Majesties Theatre in Melbourne. - Show starts 2.00pm.

COST: \$130/Person.

Includes Coach Travel (Bendigo Coachlines – 93 Wood

St, Bendigo

Theatre Entry with better seats in Dress Circle

Depart Bendigo: Approx 9.30am. Return home by approx 7.00pm.

Currently: I have seats on hold with Southern Cross Travel, 93 Wood St. Bendigo 5446 7000

To book: Phone: 5446 7000 (Kirsty) Tell them you are in the Probus Club of Bendigo Group

PAYMENT: May be made personally at 93 Wood Street, or if by Mail: a Cheque made at

To Southern Cross Travel. ***** If paying by Credit Card - 2.1/2% surcharge applies.***

Currently our Club has secured (26 paid bookings.)

**** Note: If you wish to participate then: act now – some seats on hold for a limited time.**

ADVANCE ADVICE:

**** Wednesday 1st December, 2010 - Probus Club of Bendigo Annual Xmas Lunch**

(In Platinum Room At Foundry Hotel Complex High St Golden Square. –(11.30am for 12 Noon.)

**** Wednesday 8th December, 2010 Capital Theatre Bendigo: “Gaslight Xmas Show.” At 11.00am**

Australia's most popular daytime performance company. A mix of traditional Xmas Carols, blended with contemporary Xmas Songs spiced with Gaslight good humour. For Show: Group Price \$12/per person

Additionally, it is intended to follow with a Lunch at a venue yet to be determined.

ALL TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur Phone 5443 9162