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Our 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 Speakers for the 20th July are Ron and Mary Mason
Topic: Adult Stem Cell Therapy and Alpha Lipids
Stewards: Zane Hughes, Graham Osborne, Ken Proud, Lynwood Stork,
Peter Thornton, Hugh Ward.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

The June meeting went very well, and with the purchase of a new projector we will be able to view pictures from our members, if they wish to show us, and also if the guest speakers have pictures to show with their talks, we will be able to enjoy them. With new members in the pipe line I anticipate that we will pass that 80 mark very soon on the way to 100. Sorry for the slight delay at the last meeting, but we had a problem with the sound system, thankfully it didn't worry most of the members, but these things do happen. So that the members will understand the time frame that we work around for the meeting to run smoothly I advise you all of the following.

Members are requested to be seated in the meeting room **before 10am** start time so that we can get under way promptly. Every effort is made to have the general meeting completed by 10.45 a.m. However this time has a certain amount of flexibility i.e. we envisage a maximum of +/- 10 mins to allow for events beyond my control as President.

The caterers are fully aware of this flexibility and are quite happy with the arrangement. Our Guest Speakers are all advised at the time of booking that every effort will be made to have their talk start at 11 a.m., however it could be the case that they are unable to start until 11:10 a.m. They will never be asked to start before 11 a.m. and are always invited to join us for our short fellowship cuppa beforehand.

As part of our General Meeting agenda we now include provision for one or two member profiles, at my discretion as President, IF TIME PERMITS. Members are pre-warned by way of invitation a few days before and asked to keep to a 2 to 3 minute rendition if called upon. The idea is that we get our appetite whetted so that we seek more info. from our fellow Probians at one of our many fellowship activities. Any longer and we could end up with an "Epistle to the Romans" and a pseudo guest speaker.

Regards and Thanks

President Ray Fitzgerald

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10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!

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Luncheon For Members, Partners and Friends.

The July Luncheon is to be held at The RSL Club, Havilah Road, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday July 20th. Come and join us, it is great fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere !!

If you are not a regular, please inform Dorothy of your intention to participate no later than Monday 18th July. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

LONERS GROUP

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club **every** Thursday at 6pm. They have a great record on winning Seafood Vouchers and Meat Trays !! Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try !

COMPUTING WORKSHOP The next meeting is at The Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale Street, Bendigo at 3.30pm till 5.30pm on Monday 18th July. The topics for this session will be "Google" and "Skype". Sorry there are no vacancies as we have a full class. **COMPUTING FOR RAW BEGINNERS** : Mike is prepared to run a 6 week workshop, meeting once per week for two hours with a maximum of six participants. The *likely* time is Monday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30 commencing 25th July to 15th August and then 5th and 12th Sept. A fee of \$40 is envisaged. Three potential names are in and a further three are needed for the workshop to go ahead. You don't need to have ever touched a computer so don't be scared !! Phone Mike on 54493925

DID YOU KNOW WE HAD A "BIKIES GROUP" ?



BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !

JULY

1st Lynwood Stork
9th Jack Wallace
13th Robert McCaskill
13th Gwen Bloomfield
17th Kath Holland
19th Ken Crouch
20th Arthur Cowling
21st Peter Thornton
29th Joan Gloster

AUGUST

5th Frank O'Connell
14th Jack Kelly
17th Jean Goodrich
19th Joan McDonald
24th Colin McLean

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.

2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54

LETS MAKE JULY SIXTY + !!!!!!!!



THE BAROSSA PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011 INC. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Barossa Rendezvous Newsletter

Hello fellow Probians

We are very excited about the upcoming Rendezvous. Have you registered yet?
Remember at this stage you just need to pay for registration and one night's accommodation.

Registration closes Friday 9th September but book early to ensure-

- Accommodation - secure rooms that have been saved for us before they are released to the general public with possible cost increases. Some accommodation will be lost to us from the beginning of July with possible cost increases.
- Tours - many of our exciting tours are filling fast.

If your club has run out of Registration Booklets contact PCSP toll free;

AUS - 1800 630 488

NZ - 0800 1477 6287



Paddle Steamer Marion

Some Highlights:

Welcome Dinner -

Coming of Age - celebrating 21 years of Rendezvous.

Bring along your 21st. birthday photographs and dress as you did for your big night.

Farewell Dinner - a traditional German Oompah Night - great fun in the Tanunda Show Hall.

Bring your singing voice.

Tours: Travel on the PS Marion. Enjoy the Dolphin Cruise.

Visit local historic sites and wineries.



Accommodation

All accommodation shown in the registration booklet has been block booked through the South Australian Visitor and Travel Centre. This accommodation must be booked through us. We will then know exactly where you are and can arrange your transportation to all Rendezvous functions.

Good news. The Weintal Motel is under new management and has reduced some of its rooms to \$140.00.

Applies to all room types for twin share, double or single.

B & B's two bedroom accommodation could be shared by two couples.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Rendezvous.

Regards,



The Organising Committee

Contact PCSP for Travel Insurance

THE COMING OF AGE RENDEZVOUS

**MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A FRIEND TO OUR
NEXT GENERAL MEETING,
PAY FOR THEIR CUPPA, INTRODUCE THEM
TO THE BENEFITS OF PROBUS !**

MINUTES OF THE 285th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE
BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 15th June 2011

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 51 members and 3 Guests attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 18 members: J Aitken, G Bloomfield, B Bruhn, M Caulfield, B Clemens, A Cowling, N Dack, F & G Himsworth, B McGrath, P Randall, R Reynolds, A Ryall, B & C Smith, J Stephens, H Ward, and R Watkins.

GUESTS: Ron Storer, Barry & Ailsa Coghlan.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Don Ridge, Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

1. Twelve monthly Bulletins from local clubs. Extracts In Probe where appropriate.
2. PCSP re possible changes to Vic clubs constitution and change of Public Officer
3. RDU statement
4. Regional Achievement awards
5. Bryan Clemson re Australian Unity research fellowship awards

OUT:

1. Jacinta Allen's office re Bendigo East Seniors News entry.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by Ern Holland.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement from 17th May 2011 to 31st May 2011 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$924.00) (Total Expenditure \$648.61) Account Balance \$1465.30

Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$35.00) (Total Expenditure \$0.00) Account Balance \$2736.12

Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$1451.42 Deposit a/c 2750.00

The financial report was received and approved. Moved by the Treasurer, seconded Ern Holland, carried.

Welfare Officer: Arthur Cowling In St John of God, Fay and George Himsworth are battling, Fay with a broken arm and George not the best, John and Ellen Stephens are both currently having a tough time, and finally Gwen Bloomfield is not feeling the best.

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reminded members the venue for the day was at Lake View Hotel and reported that the luncheons following the Club Monthly Meetings were going from strength to strength.

Loners Group ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm.

Bowls RAY FITZGERALD reported that a game at Eaglehawk on 25th October with more details later was the only one on the cards currently..

Computing Workshop/Probe/Website MIKE WATT advised that all three were going well. Mike is prepared to run a new weekly 2 hour session for 4 or 6 consecutive weeks for raw beginners ! Three names so far and just another three would make it a goer. Times etc yet to be decided.

Coffee/Chat Group and Badger DENISE WATT reported that 18 members attended the Beechworth Bakery on the Thursday 9th June and an enjoyable time was had by all. Next date is THURSDAY 14th July t 10.30am. Denise suggested that any member not wearing their Probus Name Badge should put a gold coin donation in the bowl to be provided at the fellowship session.

Tours/Trips Report ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Arthur moved "that all Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried. Arthur reported that he along with Collin and Jillian Adams attended the Probus Travel Expo at Ballarat and they got many new ideas for future trips.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The secretary advised members that the Committee had met at the new venue and different time and the meeting was a great success. The next Committee Meeting is to be held at The Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale Street at 2pm on Wednesday 13th July, all members are welcome to attend.

The Secretary moved "That the Loners Weekly Dine Out, the members After Meeting Luncheon, Club Bowls Group Events, and Computer Support Sessions all be authorized activities of the Club." Seconded Arthur Eaton, carried.

The secretary advised members that at the last Committee Meeting it was agreed that the Club Purchase a new Projector for the sum of \$339 and he showed members the projector which had been delivered. The projector would be available for members private use if needed.

GENERAL BUSINESS (Cont.)

The Secretary advised members that at the last Committee Meeting that the Club would install internet banking for the Club bank accounts on the home computers of the four club signatories. Any payments done on line would still require the assent of two of the signatories.

MEMBERS PROFILES

Denise Watt and Clare Bird both gave a short rendition of their life to date.

STEWARDS Ken Proud, Lynwood Stork, Peter Thornton, Denise Watt and John White.

CLOSE There being no further business, President RAY declared the meeting closed at 10-50 am.

CONFIRMED.....President 20th July 2011

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Bendigo District Probus Meetings

Club	Date	Venue	Time
Sandhurst	1st Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	9.30am
Eaglehawk	2nd Mon	California Gully Mechanics Institute	10am
Bendigo Ladies	2nd Wed	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Kangaroo Flat	2nd Wed	K Flat senior Citizens	10am
Strathfieldsaye	2nd Thu	Uniting Church Hall Strathfieldsaye	10am
Golden Square	3rd Thu	Abundant Life CC McKenzie Street	9.30am
White Hills	4th Tue	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Strathdale	4th Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am
Spring Gully	4th Thu	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Committee Meetings:

The next meeting will be held at The Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale Street, Commencing 2pm on Wednesday 13th July. Members are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to raise matters if they so wish however they will not be entitled to vote.

Complaints, Concerns, Suggestions:

Members who have any of the above are requested to PLEASE submit them in writing (or email) to the Secretary so that the Committee can give them the consideration they deserve and then the Member will receive an answer in writing as well. **Members Praises** are welcome at any time and in any manner. Lets keep the Probus Experience a Positive one.

Membership Booklet Amendments:

1. John Hardy lives at 12 Barwon **DRIVE** and his email is **pon05@bigpond.com**
2. Ken Proud lives at **48** Broad Parade



An old guy (not in the best of shape) was working out in the gym when he spotted a sweet young lady....

He asked the trainer who was near-by:

"What machine in here should I use to impress that sweet young thing over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said "I would try the ATM in the lobby.".....

The Irish have solved their own fuel problems.

They imported 50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and they're going to drill for their own oil.

Two Irishmen are hammering floorboards down in a house.

Paddy picks up a nail, realises it's upside down & throws it away.

He carries on doing this until Murphy says, "Why are you throwing them away?"

"Because they're upside down," says Paddy.

"You daft prat," replies Murphy, "save 'em for the ceiling!!"

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
 Friday 5th August
 Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

**XMAS IN JULY - COMBINED WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS CLUB.
MONDAY 25TH JULY, 2011 AT "TANGLES" RESTAURANT IN CRESWICK
(Maximum Probus Club of Bendigo: (20-25) Pre Meal: Champagne, Orange Juice, Savouries
Fixed Menu: Roast Leg Lamb. Sweet: Xmas Pudding with Brandy Custard
COST: \$50/person: Includes: *Coach Fare, Meal & Entertainment.* .**

**Depart: 9.45am. From: Strathdale Community Car Park, Crook Street. Bendigo.
Bookings/Payments (14) received from: C.Bird (1), G.Bloomfield (1) A. Crothers (2),
A. Eaton (1), R.Fitzgerald (2), R. Michell (1), M. Miller (1), R. Pollock (1) M.Watt (2),
J. White (1), C. Thomson (1)**

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TUTANKHAMUN/GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS

THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2011 – 11.30am Entry

"The Splendour of Ancient Egypt" a dazzling array of artefacts from the Boy King's Tomb.

COST: Exhibition: \$25/per person

Travel by Train:7.45am ex Bendigo. Return:3.15pm ex Melbourne)

Use your "Free" or Concession Rail Tickets – suggest to book Rail Tickets day prior."

We will travel as a Group – I will Guide you.. Further details nearer date of travel.

(25) "Confirmed Bookings" have been received from and tickets secured for:

C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), C. Bird (1), G. Bloomfield (1), N Bruhn (2), A. Court (1),

A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), J. Goodrich (1), E. Holland (2), R. Michell (1) R. Pollock (1) J.Mc.Donald (1),
B.Mc.Grath (2) Y. Wallace (1), M. Watt (2), Ward. H. (1), J.White (1), C. Thomson (1) **Emergencies: Nil**

Note: *I have secured tickets for the above, should you cancel you will require to arrange for your own re-placements.*

Payments Due at Wed 20th July Meeting To assist collector, please tender correct monies

SPRING GULLY / PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO TRIP TO MELBOURNE MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 2011

TRAMBOAT SPECIALS: HERRING ISLAND & BEYOND - Seniors \$40per person

Travel by Train: (Use Free or Concessions) Depart 7.45am Train. Return: 3.15pm ex Melb.

Cruise from the Docklands up through the city alongside Crown Casino, the Southbank Precinct, under Princess Bridge, past the Botanical Gardens and on to our stop at Herring Island, for approx 30 minutes. We then reboard and continue cruising upstream to Hawthorn. Our tour concludes with a cruise around New Quay and Waterfront City.

PACKAGE INCLUDES : Morning tea, Assorted slices, tea and coffee. Gourmet Sandwichs for Lunch.

DURATION : 3.5 Hours CRUISE : Bendigo Probus Maximum: (19)

(19) Bookings have been received from and confirmed for::

C.Adams (2), G. Bloomfield (1), R. Chenery (2), A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), E. Holland (2), ,
B.Mc.Grath (2), M. Miller (1), R. Pollock (1) H. Ward(1) M. Watt (2), J. White (1), **Emergencies (2)** R. Michell, C.
Thomson (1)

PAYMENTS SEPTEMBER MEETING

Advance Notice:

CAPITAL THEATRE - BENDIGO TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2011. Show:11am

GASLIGHT THEATRE XMAS SHOW Afterwards Lunch (Own Cost) at Venue TBA

I have secured (35 tickets) Theatre Group Price: \$12/person.

List: will be tabled at August 17th Meeting – Payments due Wed 19th Oct. Meeting

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Tours Organiser: Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162