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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

It was with sadness I report that we have lost a long standing member Ian Nixon. Our condolences to his family. On a lighter note, we have gained a valued new member, Jean Andrews, who was inducted at our last meeting and I give her a very warm welcome to our Club. Our thanks to Tom and Libby Luke for their very interesting talk on the Cornish in Bendigo. Bob Santon, one of our newest members has organised the walkers at Rotary Park, Kangaroo Flat – this is a pleasant walk on a good track and the coffee is excellent! All welcome. Bob has also taken on the roll of Bowls Group Organiser and no doubt we will hear more from him in the near future. Many thanks Bob (and wife Denise) for your very valued input to the Club. Bev and I attended the President's Changeover dinner of the Rotary Club of South Bendigo and had a very enjoyable evening. This Rotary Club is one of FIVE who were instrumental in starting our Club way back in 1985. Mike Watt has the Garden Group started – more details elsewhere in this Probe and of course our newest Group the LOO GROUP (Ladies Only Outings) organized by Jean Goodrich, again more details in this Probe. Overall the Club is "Fair Humming !!"

*Regards and Thanks
President Noel Bruhn*

SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

On a personal note my referral to the Alfred Hospital for assessment for surgery was not fruitful as I can not have any surgery because of my pulmonary hypertension (enlarged heart on right side). This also rules out drugs that can help normal hypertension (left side of heart). There was a positive outcome however in that the consultant said that with my new oxygen levels and new concentrator coupled with exercise both at home and at Pulmonary Rehab he envisaged a continued improvement in my quality of life and thus longevity....so you don't need to worry about volunteering for Secretary or Probe or Computer Support etc. ☺ Thanks to all for their messages of support!

The Membership Booklets need a few amendments:

Please remove: Ian Nixon (Deceased) Please add email address to Norm DACK ; dacknrandg@bigpond.com

Please ADD NEW MEMBERS: (You can cut out and glue in at the back of the booklet ☺)

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Please add email address to Norm DACK ; dacknrandg@bigpond.com



It is with great sadness that we record the recent death of our valued member Ian Nixon. Ian was a valued Member of our Club since 18/11/98. Our sincere condolences go to his family.

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB'S LATEST ACTIVITY GROUP!!

THE "LOO" GROUP!

(Ladies Only Outing Group!)

Jean Goodrich has "Volunteered" to be the organiser.

Ph: 5443 4430 email: jeanggg@impulse.net.

THE FIRST EVENT IS A LADIES LUNCHEON

FRIDAY 13TH JULY 12.30 PM ONE TREE HILL HOTEL

109 SPRING TREE GULLY ROAD

MEAL COSTS WE BELIEVE ARE \$10 ONLY!!

Come on ladies contact Jean as soon as possible so that she can book the table for the right number!!



Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

The walking group is proving a success however to accommodate more members and to avoid the winter chills of an early start future winter walks will meet promptly at **10a.m.** All members, partners and friends are most welcome to join us. Please make sure your name is recorded by Arthur or Ron or Bob Santon depending who is the organiser for the day. **ENJOY ☺**

FRIDAY JULY 6th and 13th ROTARY PARK, KANGAROO FLAT. MEET AT THE CAR PARK ON BROWNING STREET OPPOSITE THE LEISURE CENTRE 10a.m. PROMPT.

FRIDAYS JULY 20th & 27th AUGUST 3rd & 10th LAKE WEEROONA. MEET AT the Lake Weeroona Car Park NOLAN ROAD 10 a.m. PROMPT.

Garden Group: At the first get together we had the grand total of only 4 ☺ roll up on the most horrid of days. We had a good chat and a wonderful cup of coffee we even organised the first Gardening outing! A carload of four are joining in with the Spring Gully Probus Club on an outing to The Post Office Farm Hellebore Nursery in WOODEND for a guided tour and opportunity to purchase, on this coming SUNDAY 8th July Meeting there at 10.30 a.m., lunch at own cost can be had before returning home. **Any late entries, ALL WELCOME, must car pool or travel by themselves, please ring Mike before 10.00 p.m. Thursday this week, 5th July!**

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP (Note change of VENUE!!)

Next will be **Thursday 12th July at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am** All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream.

LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.

Luncheon **after the July meeting** (approx. **12.15pm**) will be held at **The Foundry Hotel, 366 High Street**. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

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**. 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!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Put **Sunday 5th AUGUST 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road**. No excuses as this gives you PLENTY notice ☺

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for online computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem. See special computer offer elsewhere in this Probe.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

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; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.
2012 Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65; Apr 53; May 56; Jun 55;

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

BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!

JULY

8th Ailsa Coghlan 21st Peter Thornton
9th Jack Wallace 29th Joan Gloster
13th Gwen Bloomfield
17th Kath Holland
19th Ken Crouch
20th Arthur Cowling
21st Denise Santon

AUGUST

7th Ellie Stuart
8th Cynthia Watkins
14th Jack Kelly
17th Jean Goodrich
19th Joan McDonald
24th Colin McLean

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH

The AIBL team is seeking volunteers who are either:

- Over 70 years of age who are worried about their memory
- Over 60 years of age and have a diagnosed memory problem

If you think you can help, please contact Stacey Walker on 9389 2930 for more information

Or email slwalker@unimelb.edu.au also more info at www.aibl.csiro.au

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An Ode to the English Plural

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
 But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
 One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
 Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
 You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
 Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
 If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
 If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and there would be those,
 Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
 We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.
 Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
 But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!
 Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
 There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;
 neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins
 weren't invented in England.
 We take English for granted, but if we explore its
 paradoxes,
 we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are
 square,

and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
 And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,
 grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
 Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not
 one amend?
 If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all
 but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?
 If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian
 eat?
 Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking
 English
 should be committed to an asylum for the verbally
 insane.

In what other language do people recite at a play and
 play at a recital?
 We ship by truck but send cargo by ship...
 We have noses that run and feet that smell.
 We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.
 And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the
 same,
 while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language
 in which your house can burn up as it burns down,
 in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and
 in which an alarm goes off by going on.
 And in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mother's not
 Mop?

WWW.

WANDERING WATKINS WRITINGS !

WWW.

Probe Editor: Rob and Cynthia expressed concern that some members might object to their writings being included in the PROBE. I was given licence to use my discretion and I have exercised that as not a single complaint has been received in fact the exact opposite as the writings are truly enjoyable and the photographs superb!! Enjoy the rest of your journey R and C !! ☺

Hi Family & Friends, (both of you)

Again thanks for phone calls and emails. They are very much appreciated. Send another email or you may find us darkening your doorstep. The Cape York trip although a good experience, would have been better by far had we used our own vehicle, because the driver knows the consequences of failing to stop when Cynthia sees a photo opportunity. Five passengers joined the bus contingent after a boat trip from Cairns. With the balance we flew from Cairns making a total of fourteen passengers (all non smokers) with twenty four seats to spread out on. Our driver had the luxury of an \$11,000 truckie seat while we felt at times there was very little between the 4wd bus chassis and ours. Apart from the fact that our windows never opened and the door seldom did, we managed to enjoy a trouble free experience with a driver who had an incredible memory for both the early history of the region and the natural history.

For seven years our driver Steve was a trapeze artist with Circus Orlay. Then he survived but paid a high price for missing the net. Off season he captures and relocates troublesome crocs and snakes. Even so we were some what relieved one day when he failed to locate a Coastal Tiapan that took to long grass after striking at our moving bus. At the end of the trip we were given the usual Cape York Certificate quote "In recognition of your spirit of adventure, unfailing good humour and bravery in enduring the bone jarring track from Cairns with five million corrugations, pot holes, washouts, bull dust traps and sand bogs and in spite of crocodiles, mozzies, sand flies, green ants, snakes, wasps, blow flies and wild pigs, actually reached the most northern tip of mainland Australia". They overlooked including the couldn't care less barra fishermen doing the Cape in a weekend.

The main drag to the Cape is now a well constructed clay road suitable for 2wd vehicles, with long dust clouds from the sheer volume of traffic, the main worry. At the Top, Palm Cockatoos arrived late in the evening to feed on Beach Apricots. Conditions for images were difficult but we tried. Four of the six nights we had the luxury of en suites and palm shaded swimming pools. The other two nights we used shower - toilet units, station homesteads had trucked in and installed above wet season flood levels. OK for triathlon athletes, but demanding for grey nomads especially during the wee dark hours. Without a doubt, the most memorable aspect of the trip for us was meeting a wonderful person who amongst many achievements had climbed to a great height on the corporate ladder. A joy to be with. We are very pleased we spent time gaining images in Lakefield NP from our own vehicle prior to the bus trip. We felt that area offered the best scenery for the trip. The Bloomfield section between Cooktown and Cape Tribulation was a good experience, but very rough and narrow and offering few places to park along the way.

We are presently north of Cairns for a few days at Ellis Beach giving bones and muscles a chance to reinstate themselves to where they are meant to be. With all day shade and a view through a line of beach front coconut palms to Double Island about 1.5 km away, life is good here. If we can cope with the sand flies we will probably spend a few days at Cape Tribulation and there decide our next direction. We are well and glad to be and trust you are the same. From Rob & Cynthia.



CLUB COMPUTER SUPPORT Just contact Mike 54493925

MIKE HAS TWO SECOND HAND COMPLETE DESKTOP SYSTEMS AGAIN ALL SOFTWARE ETC. YOU ARE EVER LIKELY TO NEED. Flat screen monitor, new speakers, new keyboard, new mouse, new webcam.

- 1. WINDOWS 7 machine delivered and set up just \$275**
- 2. WINDOWS VISTA machine delivered and set up just \$200**

BOTH THESE MACHINES ARE IN GOOD ORDER (6month warranty) AND EXCELLENT FOR BEGINNERS TO COMPUTING! If you go onto the internet then you will have free online support from Mike!

MINUTES OF THE 293rd GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE. WEDNESDAY 20th June 2012.

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 55 members attended & were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 34 members: C.Adams, J.Aitken, C.Binks, E.Bruhn, N.Christie, B.Clemens, A.Coghlan, A.Cowling, K.Crouch, N&G.Dack, I.Dean, A.Fisher, J&K .Gloster, J.Hardy, B.Hargrave, K.Holland, Z.Hughes, J.Kelly, A.Lawson, C.Mclean, R.Michell, I.Nixon, M.Powrie, K.Proud, D.Ridge, L.Roy, A.Ryall, J.Sanderson, B.Smith, C.Thomson, J.Wallace, C&R Watkins..

CLUB JESTER: Bob Chenery provided some light relief with a well chosen joke.

MEMBERS GUESTS: Jean Andrews to be inducted later in the meeting.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Asst. Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded by Denise.Watt Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence June. 2012

IN

1. 6 Newsletters from other Clubs. Passed to Ailsa
2. 3 Travel Letters/Flyers. Passed to Ailsa.
3. Grae Dack Application
4. BRIT Hairdressing To go in Probe and at Gen.Mtg
5. PAV Minutes of Delegates Mtg, Golf challenge, Golf Croquet, Annual Bowls day.
6. Cheque from Eaglehawk Probus refund for info day Passed to Treasurer
7. Subs Cheque Ellie Stuart Passed to Treasurer
8. PAV for treasurer. Passed to Treasurer
9. Bendigo Bank letter of apology.

OUT

1. Art Software Ltd numerous emails relating to Accounts and Membership Software..
2. 6 emails relating to returned cheques..
3. Graeme Newton Rotary District Probus Chairman re Info day fracas.

Matters arising:

1. Grae Dack application approved and will be inducted upon return from holiday.
2. Cheques returns all settled ok. Bendigo Bank had apologised for their mistakes over returned cheques
3. Accounts / Membership Software Mike Watt has purchased Accounts and Membership Software from the UK – and has adapted for Australia and Probus, both work well, any sales to other parties will assist the Probus Club with donations from sales.
4. RDPC re info day a non-event due to misinformation from PSDPL. Will visit later in year.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Acting Secretary seconded by E. Holland.. Carried.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: President Noel Bruhn assisted by Brian McGrath Asst. Secretary, formally inducted Jean Andrews as a member of the Club.

REPORTS:

President: Nil.

Treasurer: Barry Coghlan moved that the Financial Statement distributed in Probe be received and approved, seconded by R. Chenery. Carried.

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall reported Cliff Binks has undergone minor surgery. Jack Wallace undergoing tests. He requested members advise him of any member who is unwell so appropriate action may be taken.

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reported last week's and today's luncheon at the RSL. She proposed that next month's luncheon be at the Foundry Arms Hotel. Golden Square.

Loners Group ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday from 5.30pm. He reported on a good attendance last week. The Member's jackpot continues to rise and the Loners table continues with great raffle results..

Bowls: Ray Fitzgerald reported that he will retire as Bowls Co-ordinator. He was thanked for his efforts over the years. Bob Santon agreed to act in Ray's place into the future.

Computing: Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance - phone him for assistance. Probe going fine- Web Site being updated.

Coffee/Chat Group and Badger: Denise Watt reported there were 20 members present last week's gathering at The Boardwalk. We will meet at Strath Village next month. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on 5th August. She reminded members of the Probus concert on 18th September. . Denise also referred to an Alzheimer's Project.

Tours/Trips Report : In Ailsa Coghlan's absence Jillian Adams reported. On forthcoming trips details to be in Probe.

Jill Adams moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried.

Gardening: Mike Watt reported that a meeting of those interested in the Gardening Group is to be held at the Boardwalk on Friday 22nd June at 2.30pm to arrange a programme and agenda for future activities.

Continued Over/

Walking Group: Arthur Eaton advised the group is small at present, perhaps due to the winter weather, a good social and fitness avenue, next outing will be at Kangaroo Flat, meeting at the carpark opposite the Leisure Centre. Bob Santon also spoke on the details involved. Members should contact Arthur or Bob.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

President: Nil.

Secretary: Mike Watt reminded members of the Probus Concert at the Capital Theatre on 18th September. We have been allotted 30 tickets but at present only 14 members have indicated their desire to attend..

Mike Watt moved and Bob Santon seconded “ that Standing Resolution No.1 be amended from five committee members to a maximum of seven committee members to cater for the addition of Brian McGrath, Assistant Secretary and Ailsa Coghlan, Tours & Trips “. Carried.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards.

CLOSE: The President thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, : There being no further business, President Noel declared the meeting closed at 10.40 am.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Tom and Libby Luke were the Guest Speakers for the day. Their topic – **BENDIGO IS CORNISH** was extremely well received by the members. Dorothy Crothers in thanking Tom & Libby spoke glowingly of their informative and professional presentation.

CONFIRMED.....President 18th July 2012

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2012

**Profit
- 1st
2012 to
2012**

**and Loss
March
30th June**

Income		
Subscriptions		\$2,140.00
Attendance Fees		\$1,120.00
Donations		\$80.00
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Total Income		<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Cost Of Sales		
Total Cost Of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit		<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Expenses		
Venue Hire		\$359.00
Catering		\$446.00
Printing & Stationery		\$95.91
Postage		\$265.71
Affiliation & Insurance		\$987.20
Consumer Affairs		\$42.80
Badges etc.		\$232.07
Web Site		\$120.00
Miscellaneous		\$27.55
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Total Tours & Activities		<u>\$160.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,736.24</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$763.76</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income		\$65.34
Total Other Income		<u>\$65.34</u>
Net Profit (Loss)		<u>\$829.10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2012

Assets		
General Cheque Account		\$2,156.51
Term Deposit		\$2,750.00
Loan- White Hills Probus Club		\$200.00
Total Assets		<u>\$5,106.51</u>
Liabilities	<i>Corporation Funds \$22641-64</i>	
Net Assets	<i>Tours & Activities etc \$2464-87</i>	<u>\$5,106.51</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$4,277.41
Current Earnings		\$829.10
Total Equity	<i>Total = \$5106-51</i>	<u>\$5,106.51</u>

The Speaker for the 18th July
John McKenna JP
Disability Consultant and Freelance Journalist
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!
(No excuse now for not attending.)

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Sunday 29th July 2012
Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email editor@probusclubofbendigo.com.au

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