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WE ARE FORTUNATE TODAY to have as our Guest Speaker Eaglehawk's first Lady Mayor, Cr. Willi Carney, a lady of unique talents whose influence has spread throughout the many community interests in the Borough.

Born in Holland, Willi came to Australia as a girl and with her family experienced a difficult time in her new land. The family established themselves in Melbourne and Willi started her career in the Clerical field.

In her second term as a councillor and now Mayor, she somehow finds time to join with her husband in the conduct of two Antique shops, one Eaglehawk and the other in Bendigo.

Willi has a lively interest in the Arts and lends her practical support to many functions in that field.

We may look forward, with pleasure, to meeting Her Worship, the Mayor, today.

THE PRACTICAL PART of gold mining in the latter part of the 20th Century was the subject of the talk last month.

Engineer and Divisional Manager for Western Mining Corp. George White presented a map of the Bendigo goldfields area and, with illustrative diagrams outlined the many difficulties encountered in wooing the precious metal from its safe seat in the earth.

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\*\*\*\* NOTE! MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY 17th. JUNE, 1987 \*\*\*\*

The Bendigo field is second only to Kalgoorlie in importance in Australia and the more than 20 million ounces won has given it 7th place in the world. In 1870 three hundred companies operated here.

Western Mining Corporation was formed in 1934 to examine the Bendigo area, but, since the value of a gold mining investment is vitally dependent on the world price of gold it was not until 1978 that licenses were pegged. Water, too, has been an ever-present problem on the Bendigo field and adds immeasurably to the costs. Up to 1985 a staggering \$7 million had been spent on exploration on five prospects in the Bendigo area.

Cliff Binks introduced the speaker and Alf Grierson tendered the thanks.

CALLING ALL TASSIE TRIPPERS! It is important, in order to finalise the arrangements of a somewhat complicated venture that you tender your deposit of \$50 TODAY. Balance - July.

To refresh your memory:

Date: Sunday 13th September for 8 days - 7 nights.

Cost: Approx. \$720 per head.

plus: \$12 bus to & from Melbourne.

plus: \$16 insurance (recommended).

CALLING ALL KITTY KATS! Sharpen your claws for 'Cats' -- advance notice for a Wednesday Matinee some time late October.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY. Film and Luncheon Tuesday July 14th.

Film: 'Police Academy III' at Library Theatre. Cost: \$3.

Luncheon: At National Hotel. Cost: \$10.

Members (Ladies and friends are invited) may attend either one or both performances.

Start time: 10 am -- and bookings TODAY, please.

DONCASTER PROBIAN ALFRED WALDRAM with wife Dorothy will be our special Guests at the July meeting.

Alf's working life of 48 years was spent mainly travelling the world with 3½ years spent living in Nepal; which makes him well qualified to speak on that fascinating country.

And here's the EXCITING BIT! Ladies are especially invited to this meeting and whilst husband Alf is relating his experiences to the men Dorothy will tell her version of the events to the ladies in another room over a morning 'cuppa' with accessories.

Indication today, please, those who are likely to attend.

SELECTED MEMBERS of your Committee have formed a 'think tank' and having laboured at length have brought forth a set of Bye Laws. As you will be called upon to vote on them today a full copy is included in your 'Probe' so that you may familiarise yourself with them. Here they are:

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INCORPORATED.

Proposed Bye Laws :-

1. Territorial limits:

- (a) Membership shall be primarily for residents of the Bendigo Sub-Regions.

2. Membership:

- (a) Members leaving the Bendigo area may retain membership for up to 12 months to give the opportunity for visiting other Clubs with a view to joining another Club.

- (b) The membership will be limited to ninety (90).

Applications for membership will be considered by the Committee and if approved will be placed on the waiting list in the order of receipt and will be admitted to membership in that order as numbers permit.

Transferees from other areas will be welcomed at our meetings and given the opportunity to share in our activities. They will be placed on the waiting list according to the date of their application for membership.

- (d) Members may belong to more than one Probud Club subject to their acceptance by the other Club-s.
- (e) The Club may elect Honorary Members on the recommendation of the management committee. Such members will not be counted in the numbers as in (b) above.

3. Fees:

- (a) Joining Fees and Annual Subscriptions will be determined at the Annual General Meetings.
- (b) Fees and Annual Subscriptions shall be paid by the 30th of June each year otherwise a member shall relinquish his membership.
- (c) Members joining after 6 months of the financial year has expired shall pay half the Annual Subscriptions.

Meetings:

- (a) Under normal circumstances regular meetings (which under the act are special general meetings) will be at the Bendigo Club, Reception Avenue at 10.00 am on the third Wednesday of each month.
- (b) Voting at Special General Meetings will be by show of hands or by ballot if required.
- (c) The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote where there is an equal division of votes.

5. Management Committee:

- (a) The Management Committee shall normally meet at 9.00 am on the same day as the Special General Meetings and at such other times as necessary.

Probus Club of Bendigo: "Bye Laws." continued.

(b) With the objective of involving the membership as widely as possible it is desired to limit the Committee membership to no more than five (5) consecutive years. If necessary to achieve this those to retire shall be determined by lot.

6. Notice of Motion:

(a) Any Notice of Motion must be in the hands of the Secretary, in writing, at least one meeting prior to the meeting at which the motion is put forward.

7. Amendments:

(a) These Bye Laws may be amended at any Special General Meeting, a quorum of 25 per cent being present, by a two thirds vote of all members present provided that the required notice of motion be given.

8. Registration:

(a) The Club shall register its current meeting arrangements, membership strength, names and addresses and telephone numbers of its President and Secretary with the Probus Centre, South Pacific, P.O. Box 1294 Paramatta N.S.W. on formation and again in April of each year for inclusion in the Directory of Probus Clubs for the region produced in June of each year.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

A. To Clause 21 (i) add Sub Clause (e)  
"The Immediate Past President."

B. To Clause 33 add the words:  
"On the winding up, the funds of the Club shall not be distributed to members but shall be distributed to a charitable organisation which prohibits distribution of its funds to members."

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FAME IS SO TRANSITORY! Overheard in a public bar recently was a conversation between two habitues.

"What," said one, "happened to that bloke Reg Brock - he used to be a photographer?"

"Oh him", was the reply, "He died years ago."

Which indicates that Mark Twain and I had one thing in common - our deaths were greatly exaggerated!

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