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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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GUEST SPEAKER Today we have Chief Superintendant of Police David R. Mansell, District Commissioner, O District.

The Guest Speaker at the May meeting was introduced by Clark Jeffrey. He was the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Greater Bendigo, Peter Seamer.

Peter is very positive about Bendigo's future. It is bigger now than Ballarat and growing faster; Bendigo feels urban as against Shepparton, which is still just a country town.

Next year an elected council will be reintroduced but the size of the Council and the delineation of ward boundaries is yet to be decided. Until the new council comes into operation Peter Ross-Edwards will remain as Chief Commissioner with his two colleagues, Messrs. M. Sharkey and M. Crouch. Formerly in the area which is now Greater Bendigo there were 60 councillors on the various councils, but this number will be much reduced.

The staff numbers of 900 will also be reduced, by 25%, but no reduction of services will result. All services will be opened to competition.

Economic development will be a major concern. An important project is the development of the Discovery Centre, a science museum, in the former Goods Shed at the V/Line Station.

After dealing with a varied set of questions posed by members Peter Seamer received the thanks of the meeting and the usual memento from Ken Burch.

TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY JULY 20TH. TRIP TO MELBOURNE - RIALTO TOWER, VICTORIAN EXHIBITION IN OLD TREASURY BUILDING. Max (49) Current (51). A beauty - Depart 7.30 a.m., arrive home approx. 5.45 p.m. Cost is \$23 per person which includes coach and entrance fees. Visit the Rialto Tower for breathtaking views of Melbourne, then on to "Victorian Exhibition" in Old Treasury Building. Both are new attractions. An excellent winter trip. A great variety of food available at reasonable cost from many outlets in Collins Towers precinct. Lunch BYO. All venues under cover. An interesting and enjoyable day is assured. **Payments today,** June 21st meeting. Emergencies invited.

THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH - TRIP TO MELBOURNE: VISIT HENSELITE & MEAT MARKET VICTORIAN CRAFT CENTRE. Max (49).

A most interesting day is assured. First we visit Henselite to see how Lawn Bowls are made. Next to the "Meat Market Craft Centre" originally old Metro Meat Market, a National Trust Building, beautifully restored, where we will see an amazing variety of Craft Work - ranging from hot glass, cold glass, ceramics, leatherwork, jewellery, wood and metal - see Crafts-people at work. Centre sells a wide range of quality, handmade, unique gifts. The cost is \$20 per person which includes coach, entrance fees and light lunch. Listing Tabled at today's meeting, June 21st. Payments at July 19th.

TRIP OF THE YEAR: LAKES ENTRANCE/GIPPSLAND LAKES (5 Days/4 Nights) THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1995. This is a beauty - value for money, scenic trip - book early. The cost is \$325 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation, dinner, bed and breakfasts and entry fees. At George Bass Motor Inn in Lakes Entrance. Motel has Panoramic Views of Sea and Lakes. (Refer to May Probe for Itinerary). Max to travel (48), Current (54). ****Emergencies Invited**.** **FINAL PAYMENTS:** by August 14th. (To Southern Cross Travel Bendigo).

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" - LIVE STAGE SHOW - PRINCESS THEATRE MELBOURNE - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH - 1.00 P.M. Max (23) Current (23). Depart Bendigo 10.00 a.m., arrive home 6.00 p.m. The cost is \$85 per person (Pensioner Concession \$58) - includes coach and entry to theatre. Payments due and to be finalised at Southern Cross Travel, Pall Mall.

SURPRISE !! SURPRISE !! - MYSTERY TRIP - THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH.
Maximum (49) Current (69). Depart 9.00 a.m. and arrive home 5.00 p.m. The cost is approx. \$22 per person and includes coach, morning tea, 3 course lunch and afternoon tea. Cliff Binks has prepared what is certain to be another interesting and enjoyable mystery tour. Payment due at July Meeting - unless going North.

Arthur Eaton - Probus Tours Liaison

TRIP AROUND GUNN'S SWAMP

Leaving Bendigo at 8.15 we travelled along the McIvor Highway, through Axedale, then turned off to take the road over the Mt. Camel Pass to Colbinabbin. From the top of the pass we had an unexpected view of the beautiful countryside. Then on through Colbinabbin and Rushworth to the Caravan Park at Waranga Basin, where we took morning tea while Ron Hawkins filled us in on some of the history. In 1941 two internment camps were constructed, with a school, medical centre and a theatre and dance hall. The camps, which held foreign civilians from hostile countries, provided a tremendous boost for local business, which supplied the needs of the internees.

Our next stop was the German War Cemetery, Tatura. Here are buried German POWs and civilian internees who died in various parts of Australia during both World Wars. Each November a commemorative service is held at the cemetery. Mr and Mrs Knee were with us to tell us of the history of the cemetery.

As we moved on in the coach Cliff Binks continued his commentary by giving us an account of the construction of the wall and basin of the Waranga system, underlining the dangerous nature of the waters of the basin when wind storms raise waves three or four feet high.

We had lunch at Tatura at the Catholic Church Hall and while there we were given an account of the mansion at Dhurringil. This was our next stop. Built by Mr. Winter in 1876/7 on a property of 30,000 acres. The owner died in England where he had gone to purchase furniture, so he never lived in the house. The house had a chequered history, during the World War II it was made into an interment camp for POWs and housed 50 German officers and their batmen. It was maintained by the army after the war for some time, then became a Presbyterian Boys Home and is now a Government Rehabilitation Centre. We had a conducted tour of the house and some of the outbuildings conducted by one of the inmates.

On we went to the Goulburn Weir where Jack Rose had been engaged in building operations when the wall was raised some years ago.

Finally to Chateau Tahbilk for a brief tour, afternoon tea and wine tasting, then back home after an interesting, varied and successful day.

Report by Dorothy Crothers

Members will be pleased to know that Bill Foster is well on the road to recovery after his mishap which was mentioned last month. He hopes to be at today's meeting.

To our President Maurice and fellow Probians,

No doubt many of my old Probian mates are well aware of my departure to Melbourne and I will be leaving Bendigo in June, approx. 30th so I thought it wise to say farewell, and a touch of sadness will be involved in saying so.

May I say thank you to all for the pleasure and companionship I have had with my close and dear friends in the club in my ten years as a foundation member. I have had pleasure all the way and many a time will I be recalling the happy hours and trips we had together.

I am sure our club will go from strength to strength and may God's blessing be with you all. To my old friend Arthur the Wizard trip organiser, thanks for getting all the best seats and Raymond the Downey one for his original inspiration on joining the Probus Club. There are many more I could quote but they know my thoughts are with them for the good fellowship I have had over the years.

Good health and happy days for all my old friends in Probus and their wives, may the Good Lord smile on them for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Alf Grierson.

My new address will be:-
Masonic Homes, 6/105 Punt Road, Windsor.
