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

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'GUEST' SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker today is Dorothy Crothers; the title of the talk 'Going to Court'.

At the May Meeting wives and friends were invited to attend, and there were three guests from the Strathfieldsaye Combined Probus Club.

The Guest Speaker, Councillor Barry Ackerman, former Mayor of Bendigo, was introduced by Maurice Pease, the subject of the talk was Development planned for the next 3 years.

In April, 1994 the population of Greater Bendigo was 85,000, with 71,000 voters. The recent restructuring of Local Government brought, among other advantages, an increase sum to devote to Capital Works. The operating revenue in total is \$58.15 million, 46% being raised from rates, and the total outlay on Capital Works is \$19.5 million.

The council is endeavouring to improve the image of the city by enhancing the streetscapes particularly at the entries to the city. Many other strategies are in place, a marketing office has been set up in Melbourne, Trade Shows have been planned, a retail campaign devised to promote tourism, publicity for Art Gallery exhibitions and a web site at Bendigo Call Centre.

Developments are also taking place in other directions to make use of Bendigo's comparative advantages, as a centre for the region's retail trades and financial and marketing services.

Capital works for the future are development of the White Hills Botanical Gardens; Charing Cross; Indoor Sports Centres; Sir John Quick Museum, upgrading Bendigo Regional Arts Centre with possibly a new theatre behind; and land development at the Airport.

The Council has a number of ideas in a wish list for the more distant future, completion of the Calder Highway, fast train service to Melbourne and as a major service provider for Northern Victoria. Above all to make Bendigo an attractive place to live, work and visit.

Clark Jeffrey very ably expressed the thanks and appreciation of the meeting, and made the usual presentation.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Bill Cowling has undergone successful open heart surgery, a mitral valve replacement and bypass, at Epworth.

John McCoy has been admitted to Bethlehem.

Beth Jacka has had a spell in hospital and is now home.

PROBUS SHIRTS

At our June Meeting orders will be taken for the Probus Shirts as shown at the meeting in May. It is requested that all orders be accompanied by the correct money, either cheque or cash. Receipts will be issued. Prices as follows:

- ❖ Shirt with short sleeves, contrast collar and pocket with Bendigo Probus Badge \$22.00
- ❖ Shirt with long sleeves, contrast collar and pocket with Bendigo Probus Badge \$24.00
- ❖ With basque around waist \$25.00

There will be shirts available to try on for size. Sizes available, with metric conversions are:

S - 14

M - 16

L - 18

XL - 20

XXL - 22

XXXL - 24

XXXXL - 26

TRIP ITEMS FOR 16TH JUNE, 1999, ISSUE OF "PROBE"

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE, 1999. "XMAS IN JUNE" DINNER / ENTERTAINMENT.

Location: Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE Restaurant in McRae Street.

Drinks 6.30 pm, Dinner 7.00 pm. Maximum: 80 Current: 79

** An excellent meal served by TAFE Hospitality Centre.

** This by popular demand, is being arranged by Cliff Binks.

COST: \$18.50 per person. INCLUDES: Meal and Entertainment plus many top class prize draw give-aways: which include:- Two Capital Theatre tickets; Dozen Drinks; Film Processing; Wine; a number of dinner vouchers, each for two persons; Afternoon tea for two



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS:

\$ \$ \$

At Wednesday 16th, June Meeting Please.

**WOMEN'S WEEKLY NEEDLEWORK ART & CRAFT- MELBOURNE EXHIBITION CTRE.
BAYS 5-9 SOUTH BANK, THURSDAY 22ND JULY - SENIOR'S DAY Entry \$7.00**

** Seniors Rail Fare: Melbourne to Bendigo return this day, Economy \$14.60

TOTAL: \$21.60 'A great day out for the ladies'. (Own Arrangements).

TRIP OF THE YEAR: SUNDAY 25TH, JULY TO SUNDAY 8TH, AUGUST 1999.

**** TO SOUTHPORT (GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND) HARBOUR SIDE RESORT.**

15 Days and 14 Nights. Depart: Sunday 25th, July.

Return: Sunday 8th, August, 1999.

Coach departs from Strath Community Centre,

Crook Street at 9.00 am on Sunday 25th, July for Melbourne Airport, (Report 8.45 am).



BALANCE OF PAYMENT: \$1410.00

Payment: Deposit \$35.00 + Air Fare \$382.00 = Amount Due \$993.00 Per Person.

Payment is required no later than 16th June Meeting. Cheques can be made out to Probus Club of Bendigo. Maximum: 49 Current: 47 Two Vacancies (Twin Share).

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TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND: WEDNESDAY 29TH, MARCH TO TUESDAY 11TH, APRIL, 2000.
"14 DAY CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND" – NORTH & SOUTH ISLANDS.

** Evergreen New Zealand Brochures will be distributed during 17th March Meeting.

** Prices for Group Travel: Start with 10, average 14% off brochure prices.

Further concessions gained at 16, 36 & 37 travellers. Also included in prices are the Trans Alpine Rail Tour, Australian Airport Departure Tax and Transport Bendigo to Tullamarine and ret Bendigo. For 37 persons Group Concession Prices are as follows. Approximately \$2389.00 per person. With extras – represents a saving of approximately \$738.00 per person.

Questionnaires: Excellent response, preference for Autumn & the 14 Day North & South Island Trip. Trip & date, set as above.

If 15 or more book to travel, upon payment of deposits the Price quoted will be frozen. If 35 or more travel, then we have own Coach with a specially selected 'Professional, Coach Captain/Guide'.

A listing of 39 *who have expressed definite interest for trip* will be tabled at Wednesday 16th, June meeting, please indicate if you desire to make a firm booking for 'March 29 to April 11th trip'.

***Further bookings are invited. Brochures and costing details are available: for further details – Contact Arthur on 5443 9162.

Arthur Eaton
Tours Organiser

The editor wishes to thank all those who contributed to the reports.

