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

All correspondence to be addressed to The Secretary, P.O. Box 1217, Bendigo, 3552.

Our guest speaker today will be Mr Doug. Buerger, Manager of Bendigo Mining, and his subject will be Bendigo Mining.



The guest speaker at our May meeting was Mr Dean Lamb from the Tannery Lanc Garden Centre who spoke on Plants and Philosophy. He was introduced by Herb Hesse.

Dean left school at sixteen and went to work for his parents in a small nursery at Woodend for a couple of years before the nursery was sold. Finding himself then unemployed he worked with a manufacturer of automotive parts at

Woodend for six and a half years. Due to the impersonal nature of a large factory Dean felt that he could do better so he bought a well-established fruit shop in Kyneton which he ran with his wife for two and a half years before selling it and moving to Bendigo.

Once in Bendigo Dean bought land in Tannery Lane and, with the help of his father, built the shed and associated elements of the new nursery. The first one and a half years saw no return at all, as this was development time; however; the next year has seen some return on his investment although he believes that profit is secondary. The primary reason for developing a nursery is to interest, educate and entertain people in growing plants, shrubs and trees.

Rather than spend his time talking, Dean brought along several shrubs, which he used to demonstrate topiary.

The first shrub had already been trimmed and trained in the shape of a monkey so Dean moved on to the next shrub. It was a Japanese Box, which has a smaller and finer leaf than the English

Box. With electric clippers in hand Dean quickly turned an ordinary, small shrub into a heart shape.

The clippers are worthy of a mention in that they are powered by a rechargeable battery in a pack on the belt and are quite powerful. They cost about \$200. To prevent bruising of the shrub some lubrication of the cutters is required. This is accomplished with the use of a little water and Trix dishwashing liquid.

Feeding should be done with native Osmocote, to promote growth and reduce flowering, and liquid feed.

Another shrub was converted into a fowl while yet another was trimmed of its lower foliage and then the upright stalks plaited.


This topiary process can change a \$5 plant into a \$19.95 work of art.

Anyone interested in seeing further examples of this fascinating art form can visit Dean and his wife at their nursery in Tannery Lane.

Cliff Neivandt who also made the usual presentation thanked Dean for his very interesting and informative talk and demonstration.


### VALE

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Marjorie Roberts, wife of one of our foundation members, Tom Roberts. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tom.



### INDUCTION

President Alan inducted Jack Sanderson into the Club. Bill Clemens introduced him and we wish him well in his association with us.



### WIDOWS OF MEMBERS

In October 1999 the Committee of your club saw fit to write to all the known widows of Bendigo Probians, past and present that were in our area. This took considerable research but, in the end, it was felt that all had been located and so twenty-four letters were sent. It was pleasing to note that twenty-two replies were received either by 'phone or mail. Of those some of the ladies had joined other Probus Clubs, some were not interested, but fifteen wished to receive the bulletin. Since then those ladies have been on our mailing list as a service by the club. These ladies are welcome to participate in any of the social activities of our club but it is up to them to contact either the Secretary or Tour Organizer Arthur to arrange to take part in any events listed in our monthly bulletin.

The names of the ladies addressed were.....

Mesdames Joyce Griffin, Joyce Adams, Marjorie Brock, Vesta Every, Grace Higginbotham, Ruth Hill, Heather Jennings, Yvonne Kerr, Alma May, Shirley Orr, Enid Rogers, Lorna Scott, Nancy Townsend, Joan Whatmore, Edna Forbes, Muriel Guidice, Gwen Foster, Dorothy Michelson, Ila Barningham, Dorothy Lees, Pat Johnson, Gwen Bloomfield, Miriam Moyle and Phyllis McCracken.

Those are the names known to the committee. If you know of any other widows of club members residing in our area, it would be appreciated if you would advise the club secretary of

her name and address and an invite will be extended. We did not include widows of ex members who have left the club but only those who had become widows due to the death of an active or TI Probian.

Arthur Cowling. (Secretary)

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### AMENDMENT TO MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

Would members please add John White to the Committee. This name was missed by the printer.

### ACTIVITIES

#### RENDEZVOUS 2000

Rendezvous 2000 is to be held at the Armidale New England Probus Club in N.S.W. who have been working on a program for the occasion. This includes tours in and around Armidale, visits to the fabulous gorge country, sporting events such as golf, tennis and bowls as well as bush walking. Then of course there will be more formal occasions including opening and closing ceremonies, dinners, music, historical tours, church services and so on.

Enrolment forms may be obtained by writing to:

The Secretary,  
Rendezvous 2000,  
P.O. Box 266,  
Armidale, 2350.

For those with access to the Internet further information, including maps, is available from the following site: <http://new-england.org/probus/>

Again for those with Internet access there is a wealth of information on the Web relating to Probus in other countries of the world.

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### OTHER ACTIVITIES

As the bowls have been temporarily laid to rest I wonder if we can have some reports on other sports being played by members. It is interesting to note that eight members place golf as their elected sport, but we never hear anything of it. WHAT ABOUT IT, GOLFERS.

What about the Shed!! Has anyone been there to try out the facilities? I am sure that other members of the club would like to see a report on the facilities available.

In fact, I would be quite happy to print any other reports that would be of interest.

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THURSDAY 22nd JUNE, 2000. "SPECIAL MILLENNIUM DINNER" at B.R.I.T.  
VENUE: Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE Hospitality Restaurant, Mc.Crae Street, Bendigo.  
TIME: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Dinner. Full: 100

## TRAVEL NOTES

THURSDAY 20th & FRIDAY 21st JULY 2000. (Assembly Time 10.45 am.)

CONDUCTED TOUR OF EMPIRE RUBBER - SMORGASBORD AT HOUSE OF KHONG

\*\* A Special Outing has been arranged on above two days,

\*\* Available to both members & ladies (Number limit Empire Rubber)

\*\* EMPIRE RUBBER: (Maximum 20 on each day) A conducted Tour of Empire Rubber, one of Bendigo's premier industries, will prove to be enlightening and of interest to all. \*\* Assemble 10.45 am at Empire Rubber, Powells Avenuc, Bendigo.

\*\* Tour from 11.00 am, 1 hour duration. \*\*\* Use own transport.

\*\*HOUSE OF KHONG: (12.30 pm each Day) (Maximum 20 plus)

\*\* After Empire Rubber Tour, proceed to House of Khong at 200 Hargreaves Street (near Blucline Office Supplies)

\*\* Superb Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch, 17 Courses, all you can eat.

TOTAL COST: \$9.00 per person. PAYMENT: At June 21st meeting please.

\*\*\* Vacancies available on both days for Smorgasbord Lunch.

\*\*\* Emergencies invited for both days Empire Rubber Tour.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20th to THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22nd, 2001

TRIP TO PHILLIP ISLAND - 3 DAY/2 NIGHTS. MAXIMUM: (49),

COST: \$223/PERSON Includes: Coach, Accommodation D.B.B. Twin Share Tours & Entry fees.

Day 1. Tues 20/2: Bendigo Phillip Island. San Remo Pelican Feeding, Ryll Swamp Bird Sanctuary. Seal Rocks, Sea Life Ctre -Seal watch & Sharks Domain. Visit Woolamai.

Day 2: (Phillip Island Local Travel) Visit Koala Conservation Ctre & Woodlands, Churchill Island, a magical island steeped in history (Packed Lunch) After Dinner: We visit the Penguin Parade.)

Day 3: Phillip Island/Sorrento/Queenscliff/Bendigo. Make our way around the Bay & Mornington Peninsula, visit TV World, Aust. Museum of Modern Media. Forty minute Ferry Trip to Queenscliff & home via Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong, Bacchus Marsh & Gisborne

\*\* Too much to explain in detail- "A first class trip". List/expressions of interest w/out commitment req'd June 21st meeting.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2000. TRIP TO KORONG VALE-BOORT AREA.

Depart Bendigo 8.15 am: We travel to Korong Vale where we meet up with our guide for the day Robyn Vella of Loddon Discovery Tours.

First we visit the Chandelier Man, see how Crystal Chandeliers are made, On to Boort for morning tea. Visits to Hycube Lucerne Cubes. Visit Dulcie, amazing what can be recycled.

LUNCH: in the lounge of the friendly Railway Hotel. A town Tour of Boort, we stop at Brojayla Patches. Guided Tour through Aquaculture Farm.

Visit Venus Creek DNRE Nursery, growers of indigenous trees.

COST: Estimate \$30.00 per person. Includes Coach Fare, Morning Tea, Lunch, Tours and entrance fees. "An excellent trip," great variety, value for money. "Don't miss out on this one."

LIST: At Wed June 21st meeting. PAYMENTS: August 16th. Maximum (48)

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