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

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Invitation Ladies

You are invited to our August Meeting. Good speaker, morning tea

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our guest speaker for May, Ian Nichols was introduced by Arthur Eaton. Ian, born in Woodend, has been involved with radio most of his life, latterly and currently in Community Radio.

In his early days Ian was concerned with radio quiz shows, knowing Bob Dyer, Barry Jones and others. These were evening shows, evening was peak time.

In 1956 the advent of rock and roll changed the whole nature of radio presentation, music, presented by disc jockeys became the thing, with breakfast radio taken over as peak time. The ABC has no need to look at ratings to survive, but commercial radio is acutely aware of ratings. This results in changes of formats in the commercial field and because of this there is instability. This instability was reinforced by Government restrictions designed to restrict cross-media ownership.

Then came colour television and radio fell into a slump. However, the introduction of transistor radios revived the industry. A further boost took place in the 1970's with talk-back radio. The industry has started to aim at particular age groups.

News presentation on radio has a spontaneity not present in the other media. Television

and print are restricted, they usually have a time lag while radio can often present news as it happens or very soon afterwards.

Yet another threat looms over radio in Australia this is the ready access, through computers to radio anywhere in the world.

Ian's immediate concerns are the ABC news area and station KLFM. His voice may also be heard on the Melbourne City Circuit Tram. Ian presents the voice over commentary, which is frequently updated to keep abreast of development. Tourists, in particular, appreciate this service, Alan Court thanked the speaker and performed the usual presentation.

EDITOR'S APOLOGY:

In the previous issue of Probe I wrote that Miss Evans would be speaking to the August meeting. I was in Error. Mea Culpa.

APPEAL FROM THE TREASURER:

Our treasurer advises that 10 members are yet to pay their annual subscription for the current year. Two committee members are included on this list!!

To facilitate finalisation of this matter Alan Stephens has agreed to collect dues from 9.45am at our June 19th meeting. Unfinancial members not attending on June 19th should post their subscriptions to the secretary before the meeting

REPORT ON TRIP TO MELBOURNE CASINO: THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2002

Fifty Probians and friends of Probians departed on time at 8.15am travelling in a Bendigo Coachlines Coach with our friendly Coach Captain Neville Dewhurst.

We had a comfort stop and morning tea at McDonalds at Taylors lakes and after a further short trip arrived at the Crown Casino at 11.00am

On arrival at Crown we were treated to cappuccinos, tea, coffee after which many of the group tried their hand at the pokies, other first time visitors explored and marvelled at the huge expanse, decor and architecture of the Crown Complex.

At 12.45pm we were treated an 'all you can eat buffet' with an excellent variety of foods to choose from. After which some returned to the pokies and others resumed exploring until our departure for home at 3.00pm.

All agreed, an interesting low cost trip for some, (we do not know who won or who lost), but we do know, all voted the trip a very enjoyable outing.

Report submitted by Arthur Eaton

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO TRIP TO MARY LYN MARYSVILLE MAY 17-20 2002

Our party of 44 Probians, wives and friends left a sunny Bendigo on Friday 17th May slightly ahead of scheduled departure time 9.00am.

A welcome aboard was given by Arthur who expressed appreciation for our prompt arrival. President Barry was on hand to farewell us.

Items of interest along the way included large numbers of kangaroos happily grazing in the paddocks unaware of what was before them. They were kept in due bounds by many km of electric fencing.

Arthur was able to highlight many landmarks particularly around Seymour where he grew up and worked for the Railways and set up home after he and Kath were first married.

We arrived at Marysville around midday, settled into our rooms and enjoyed the first of many

delightful meals. After dinner we were taken by Coach to the floodlit Steavenson Falls. Officially opened in 1866, the falls, three in all, have enthralled visitors by their beauty and magnificence and continual flow of huge volumes of water to the river below.

Wal Spicer gave us some concern with a sudden attack of emphysema on Friday night resulting in a two night stay in the Alexandra Hospital where he received the best of care from nurses and staff. Much to our joy he rejoined us Sunday for remainder of our stay.

On Saturday a tour of Alexandra District, morning window shopping in Alexandra township, much of interest and some purchases made. A picnic lunch in the Rotary Rotunda which had 'natural' air conditioning. After lunch we visited the 'Timber Tramway'. All enjoyed a trip on a train of two carriages hauled by a diesel engine on 2ft width track, we did a two lap circuit of the area. This was followed by a 'hot cuppa' and bickies. We were amazed at the large and varied collection of local artifacts and relics.

On return trip to Mary Lyn, our Coach driver Frank obligingly took us on a different route via Eildon Weir and township, weir only 19% full, how would Henry Bolte feel, he opened the weir in 1956. We traversed mountain country, passed through Taggerty and Buxton.

Evening entertainment, a sing along with professional entertainers Ray & Sharon. A highlight of the singing was a performance by the lovebirds Thelma and Alan Dingle, celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary with their rendition of 'Silver Threads among Gold'. Mary Lyn generously supplied a huge decorated cake to mark the occasion.

Sunday, a day for relaxation, some went to Church, others walking whilst the majority visited the Marysville Museum 'a highlight of our tour'. We were treated to a guided tour by owners of the Museum which housed beautiful restored vintage cars, motor cycles, a large fairground organ which they played, a large 3 day clock and a magnificent ornately carved and painted vintage Gypsy caravan. On Sunday afternoon 16 members spent an hour playing the wonderful game of bowls. A wide variety of shots palyed by both the experienced and 'first time ever bowlers'. The winners in the end being the carpet surface and the cold. Team with best performance, Jessie Glover, Nettie Bartlett, Alan Dingle, Alan Stephens (skip). In the evening some spent an enjoyable hour playing the frustrating game of 'Beetle'. Lucky for some.

On Monday morning we toured around the triangle, stopping at Montirra Blueberry Farm, winery and cafe situated in the beautiful Acheron Valley. We walked around the Blueberry orchard, sampled the fruit. Back to the cafe building where we sampled a variety of flavoured wines and purchased bottles of wine and jams.

We continued on our tour calling at the 'Things of Sand and Stone' factory where they manufacture wholesale all manners of concrete garden ornaments, statues, bird baths, fountains, garden seats, pots, animals, horses, carts, cars, trucks, boats, violins etc. We were all amazed at the ingenuity and expertise of the work carried out at the factory.

Back to Mary Lyn for our lunch and then the journey homewards, leaving at 2.30pm and arriving back in 'good old Bendigo' shortly after 5.00pm.

To sum up: a great few days enjoyed by a very compatible group of 44. Thanks again to our Tours organiser Arthur.

Report by Herb and Jean Hesse

Gold Coast

Trip to Southport (Gold Coast Queensland): Harbourside Resort, Sunday 20th July to Sunday 3rd August 2003: Maximum (50) Fifteen days/14 nights

****Opportunities like this trip seldom come along. We had a trip to Sungold in July/August 1999 when 43 travelled, they voted the holiday excellent in every respect - Ask around!**

**** This will be a first class trip, one you cannot afford to miss, I highly recommend it!**

**** Sungold holidays ** 4 star resort ** All modern facilities. Situated in the Gold Coast at Southport, on the Broadwater.**

**** Owner operated resort (18 years in industry), reputable. ** two modern 50 seater coaches: 2 long serving coach drivers.**

**** SUNGOLD PACKAGE: Accommodation Twin Share, Private facilities.**

**** All inclusive: Accommodation, all meals (except lunches), tours (4 days/week), entry fees, coach transfers in Queensland.**

**** On free days: Coach transport to/from theme parks and shopping.**

**** Special Jupiters Casino high quality live show.**

**** Cost 7 day/6 night: \$649/ person. Additional night \$70/p D.B.B.**

**** 15/14 night package: \$649 x 2 weeks = \$1298 + \$70 = \$1368/person**

**** Air fares: Melbourne to Coolengatta & return (Qantas Seniors Advance/Flexible)**

Approx: \$420/person

**** Special Casino live show during stay:**

= \$30/person

**** Total Cost: 15 day/14 night package:**

Approx: \$1818/person

**** Add transport Bendigo to Melbourne & Return (based on 40)**

\$32/person

**** Total Costs: Sungold Holiday, Air Fares, Transport (approx) = \$1850/person**

**** Pamphlets & more detailed information available June 19th meeting.**

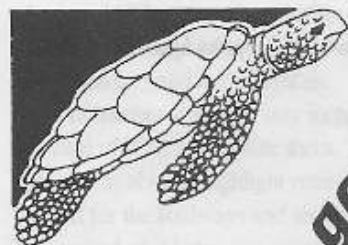
**** Listing: will be tabled at June 19th meeting**

**** To secure the Resort bookings, a positive response would be very helpful.**

**** Deposits: \$50/person at November 2002 meeting**

**** Final payments: May 2003 meeting**

**** For further information contact Arthur on 5443 9162**



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