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**Today's guest speaker is Murray Mansfield who will speak on The Commonwealth Youth Games.**

Last month the guest speaker was introduced by Herb Hesse and was Kane Weeks. He was the replacement for the advertised speaker who had other commitments.

Shane is a Parks Victoria ranger who is involved with the Greater Bendigo National Park. This is not a new area, but it is the amalgamation of existing parks. It includes the Whipstick and Kamarooka State Parks, as well as One Tree Hill Regional Park, Mandurang State Forest and Sandhurst State Forest. Together with the Bendigo Regional Park it almost surrounds the City of Bendigo, making Bendigo "the city within a park".

In Kamarooka and Whipstick there are tracts of Mallee vegetation called "Whipstick Scrub" and stands of Box/Ironbark forests. Mandurang and Sandhurst are renowned as coppice regrowth forests and grassy woodland understorey.

One Tree Hill is known for colourful wildflower displays with waxflowers, orchids and wattle besides offering panoramic views of the city and surrounding bushland.

The Park is home for much fauna as well as the above flora. It has perhaps the greatest concentration of songbirds in the country. It is home also to echidnas, wallabies, grey kangaroos and other animals.

Kane has a wide experience of Park ranging. He worked in the Barmah National Park and also had a spell working in Canadian National Parks. The flora and fauna in Canada are very different from those in Victoria, especially the animals. Transport too is often very different.

Kane's descriptions of the Parks, illustrated by slides, was very interesting. Brian Armstrong expressed our appreciation and made the usual presentation.

## Sickness

Ron Stanistreet has been sick and is now in rehabilitation at the Anne Caudle Centre.

## The Secretary's Remarks

Bob is compiling the next Membership Book and asks that any changes of address be presented to him following the meeting, if not before.

He points out an editorial error in the April and May Probes. The annual subscription is now \$25.

Bob has received, from some unknown member, a brand new club bowls shirt, and wishes to dispose of it.

He has an ample supply of nomination forms for prospective members which he is anxious to deplete. It is up to members to do the recruiting.

Two men were dining together in a restaurant and when they asked the waitress for the cheque she said  
"Do you want them separate or together?"

One of the men said

"Separate please"

She turned to the other and said

"Do you want yours separate too?"



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## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

**LITTLE DESERT TOUR: Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd September. (3 Days/2Nights)**

**Staying at Little Desert Lodge (Near Nhill in Victoria.)** *Have you seen TV Advert?*

Maximum: (40) Current Bookings: (42) \*\*\* *Emergencies required.*

**COST: \$264.00/Person. Includes: Road Coach, Accommodation (En Suite), All Meals, Entrance Fees.** *Single Supplement: (If room on own, add \$40.00/person.)*

The Little Desert Nature Lodge is a peaceful retreat located on the edge of the Little Desert National Park. The Lodge offers comfortable facilities, warm hospitality and a memorable environmental experience. Set in natural bushland of 117 hectares and managed since 1976 by local "living treasure" Whimpey Reichelt, **share in his knowledge and passion for the Little Desert. Our stay includes much variety.**

**On Day 1:** Some free time, at 8.00pm we are taken on a guided "Nocturnal Walk," see the nocturnal creatures of the bush including Sugar Gliders, Bettongs and Sone-Curlews, listen to the many **sounds of the night.**

**Day 2:** A comfortable 4 WD Tour; we see many varieties of **Spring Wildflowers**, as well as birds & animals which inhabit the unique Little Desert Environment. We have lunch in the bush with "billytea". After dinner Whimpey will show a Video Presentation "Whimpey's World - Little Desert Flora & Fauna" with particular focus on the Malley Fowl bird. (An excellent video.)

**Day 3:** At 9.00am, after breakfast we depart for a tour of the Mallee Fowl Sanctuary, a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. A Light Lunch will be provided prior to our **departure from the Lodge at 12 Noon.** *This will be an excellent trip, with much of interest for all, and taken at a relaxed, leisurely pace.*

**LIST:** Again available at meeting Wed 16th June.

**\*\* FULL PAYMENTS: At meeting 21st July.**

# TRIP TO CANBERRA

5 DAY/4 NIGHTS

MONDAY 22nd TO FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2004

*Based on Minimum of (35) to travel. Max: (49) Current: (42)*

**\*\* Deposits of \$50.00/person at 16th June meeting please.**

**\*\* COST: \$457.00 per person (Twin Share)**

**\*\* A Single Supplement of \$140 would apply if request for a room on own.)**

**\*\* Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees and Lunches on days 2,3,4.**

**\*\* The Itinerary includes visits/tours to: Royal Australian Mint, National Capital Exhibition, Southern Cross Cruise, Cockington Green, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Screen Sound Australia, High Court, National Gallery, Deep Space Complex. We will visit Mt. Ainslee for superb views of the City and one evening be taken to Telstra Tower to see the night lights of Canberra. During travel en route we will see the Dog on the Tucker Box and visit Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece near Gundagia.**

**\*\* The 5 Day/4 Night Canberra Tour Itinerary, (which may be amended to suit.) will be available for your perusal/suggestions again at meeting on Wednesday 16th June.**

**\*\* DEPOSITS: \$50.00 per person at Wednesday 16th June Meeting please.**

**\*\* BALANCE/FINAL PAYMENT: at Wednesday 15th Sep't Meeting.**

**\*\* Further bookings are required for this Tour in order to cater for any cancellations, (we can take up to (49 persons)**

**\*\* I seek the support of members, Friends of Probus Members are invited to join this trip.**

**\*\* Members of other Probus Clubs are also welcome to participate.**

*Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton.*

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