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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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The Guest Speaker at the June meeting is Steven Young who will speak about Care and Installation of Commercial Clocks. Steven was booked to present this talk at the February meeting but failed to arrive.

The Guest Speaker at the May meeting, Susan Spencer was introduced by President Len.

Susan is from the Bendigo Health Care Group whose office is in Queen Street in the same complex as the Women's Health Office. She came with a trolley load of information material, we all got a show bag of pamphlets and leaflets giving all the relevant information about the many services for which the group is the source.

One important service is the Information and Referral service. People with disabilities and people with health problems are served by this, but only as far as information of what is available. They do not provide the physical response. The one telephone number applies all over Australia.

In Bendigo region, there is expert assistance available, but also there are staff dotted about, for instance in Mildura and Gisborne to name only two. The service is available for everyone, not just pensioners.

A full range of services is available, but most people are unaware of it. So Susan and the organisation can put enquirers in touch with the appropriate body.

One such body will advise on arrangements for Medical Power of Attorney when needed. Enquiries are all kept anonymous. Other services are available for Health matters, for available Volunteer Programmes, for Crime Prevention and so on.

There was an immediate and widespread series of questions as Susan finished her talk, to which she was able to give extensive answers.

The thanks of the meeting, which included many wives and friends of members, were competently presented by Bryan Clemson.

Foundation Members Luncheon

A new venue was tried for the May Luncheon, the Farmers Arms Hotel in Junorton. We had twenty one participants, including wives and friends, together with some members who were not in at the Foundation. We were all pleased to see this response to the invitation, which continues in the future as long as we meet. The June luncheon is to be at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Russell Street, Quarry Hill, at 12.30 pm. The cost will be \$9.90 with coffee extra at \$1.50.



Ten Helpful Hints from Noah



- One: Don't miss the boat
 - Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat
 - Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
 - Four: Stay fit. When you are 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
 - Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
 - Six: Build your future on high ground.
 - Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
 - Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
 - Nine: When you are stressed, float a while.
 - Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- And the eleventh hint is the most useful and most important of all.
- Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

JOKES

During the war, 1941, a British officer (scout) went off into the desert all by himself riding his trusty camel. After a few days, headquarters received a radio signal announcing "Returning at once 'Rommel captured'". The celebrations were long and loud, extra watches posted and after several days a lone figure was sighted. The explanation forthcoming was, the message should have read 'Camel Ruptured!'

Len Hodren.

Little Terry was in the garden filling in a hole when the neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the youngster was up to, he politely asked. "What are you up to there, Terry?" "My goldfish died," replied Terry tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him." The neighbour was concerned. "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish isn't it?" Terry patted down the last spadeful of earth, then replied. "That's because he's inside your cat."

Rules for Teachers - 1872

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's sessions.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, interity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of two shillings and five pence per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

Supplied by Rupert Reynolds



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

Little Desert Nature Lodge Tour

TUESDAY 24th TO THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER, 2006. (3 Day/2 Nights)

The Little Desert Lodge is set in 117 hectares of natural bush surroundings and is located on the edge of the pristine Little Desert Nature Park and is situated close to Nhill on the Nhill-Harrow Road. The Lodge has 24 rooms with en-suite bathroom facilities and the Dining Room caters for group bookings

****An interesting and relaxed tour to suit our age group. Minimum (30) Current: (15) Depart: At 8.00am from Strathdale Community Ctre, Crook Street.**

Cost: \$350 per person twin share. Single supplement: \$45. (Based on Minimum of 30)

Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, lunch from day 1 to Day 3 and various activities whilst there.

Day 1: Tuesday 24th October: (L/D)

12.30pm: Arrive Little Desert Lodge for lunch and settle in to our accommodation

1.30pm: Free time to explore the tranquil beauty of the Little Desert Nature Lodge surroundings, - take in the wildflowers along one of the nature trails and enjoy bird watching at Whimpey's waterhole.

6.30pm: Three course Dinner in the fully licensed dining room.

8.00pm: Night spotlight walk – see nocturnal creatures of the bush including delightful Sugar Gliders, Betongs, and Sone Curlews. Listen in amazement as the guides interpret the sounds of the night, such as Owls Nighthjars, Bats and Frogs

Day 2: Wednesday 25th October: (B/L/D)

8.00am: Breakfast.

9.00am: Travel from Little Desert Lodge via Edenhope and across the South Aust. Border to Naracoorte.

10.30am: Morning tea at Naracoorte Caves Conservation Park followed by a tour of the magnificent Victoria Fossil Cave.

1.00pm: Lunch, followed by afternoon tour of world famous Coonawarra wine growing region.

6.30pm: Return to Little Lodge for Dinner and an evening of relaxation.

**** The day (2) part of Itinerary may be changed for an alternative tour if it be so desired.**

Day 3: Thursday 26th October: (B/L)

8.00am: Breakfast.

9.00am: Depart for our tour of the Malleefowl Sanctuary. This is a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. Over the years Whimpey has developed a unique relationship with established breeding birds, which enables viewing at close hand. Remember, these are totally wild birds so you have to be very quiet and patient.

12.00pm: Light Lunch at the Lodge before departure journey to Bendigo, arriving home approx 5.30pm.

LIST: In order to retain the booking which I have secured, a more positive response is desired at the June, July meetings. "FRIENDS OF PROBUS WELCOME."

Final Payments: At or prior to Sep't 20th Meeting. **** Copies of the Itinerary available.**

ADVANCE INFORMATION: Thursday 2nd November, 2006. At 11.00am. Max: (36)

Capital Theatre Bendigo – Morning Show: Hanging on to Vaudeville. (Reg Gorman.)

Rifle Brigade Hotel - Two Course Lunch. Note: Hotel situated opposite Theatre. Cost: - \$22.00 per person for Theatre + Lunch

Theatre: In a series of hilarious sketches, multi talented physical performer Reg Gorman transforms into an amazing array of vastly different characters, plus more.

A trip down memory lane. At conclusion of theatre, Lunch at 12.30pm.

**** I have secured (36 seats) in most popular location. (A popular show-filling fast.)**

Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton.

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