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

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The June Meeting will feature a talk by the Lions Eye & Health Programs. The subject will be, diabetic, retinopathy, glaucoma. As this will be a special event, we invite you to bring your wife, partner. All guests will be welcome.

President Alec introduced Karen Bryce to the members at our May Meeting. Karen has worked as manager at the Discovery Centre in Bendigo for the past nine months. The centre has been operating for over 12 years with 60% of visitors from Bendigo and surrounding areas, with the other 40% coming from Melbourne, etc. Karen gave an unusual and very interesting talk and demonstration on some of the experiments shown mainly to school students. Karen was ably assisted by our President Alec. Herb Hesse thanked her on behalf of the members and made the usual presentation.

Foundation Members Luncheon

Following the May meeting of Probus, the Foundation Members, partners and friends took lunch at the Foundry Arms, where we enjoyed a good meal. This month we meet at the Reservoir Hotel, Condon Street. As usual we invite all members and friends to join us.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

USELESS INFORMATION

Boxing rings are called rings, because they used to be round.

Warren Beatty and Shirley McLaine are brother and sister.

A family of six died in Oregon USA during World War II, as the result of a Japanese balloon bomb.

The tail section of an airplane gives the bumpiest ride.

All 17 children of Queen Anne died before she did.

Bookkeeper is the only word in the English language with three consecutive double letters.

A group of crows is called a murder.

According to Genesis 1.20-22 the chicken came before the egg.

Oliver Cromwell was hanged and decapitated two years after his death.

EDITOR

XMAS IN JUNE?

No not really! Just a gently reminder that if you are thinking of making Xmas puddings or cakes, put an extra amount in the mix, or if you see a good bottle of wine at a cheap price or any biscuits on special, any of these items would be appreciated for our popular Xmas Function in December.

EDITOR

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

Bryan Clemson introduced Dr Allyn Fisher to the meeting. Allyn has retired from his position as a Lecturer in Arts and Anthropology at Latrobe University after more than 20 years. In 1986 he started the AAFA Gallery in View Street, as a hobby side line, and this year after 20 years in buying, selling and promoting art he has called it a day and is fully retired. Allyn was born in New England, Connecticut, USA. Allyn was inducted into our club by President Alec.

EDITOR

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months.

AUGUST 2007

05	Frank O'Connell	83
14	Jack Kelly	83
24	Colin McLean	84

SEPTEMBER 2007

01	Dick Opie	92
03	John Stephens	77
07	Bryan Armstrong	79
13	Ern Holland	65
16	Rupert Reynolds	80
27	Doug Laity	75

Congratulations to all of above, especially **Rupert**.

Note: If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary

GIPPSLAND TOUR

May 7 to 9, 2007

At 7.30am on Monday, May 9, we were on our way to Gippsland. From our club there were 18 members, wives and partners. In addition there were about the same number of members of Sandhurst Probus, some from Golden Square, the Ladies Probus and also our Friends of Probus.

With a stop at Bunyip for morning tea we kept going to Darnum and its Musical Village. There we had a marvellous time. The place is filled with antique keyboard instruments, pianos, pipe organs, harmonious, a harpsichord, a celeste, a zither and others. Our guide Peter, skillfully demonstrated these, named them for us and told us there history.

Following a basket lunch in the grounds, we had a very enjoyable music entertainment. Colin and his wife Sue joined Peter in a series of songs and pieces accompanied on the guitar, flute, oboe, mandolin and other instruments. We had over an hour of delightful music, from this talented trio.

We moved on eventually to Morwell for the stay of two nights at the Del Spana Motor Inn.

On Tuesday morning we were moving out early after breakfast, heading for the beautiful Tarra Bulga National Park. we were met by one of the Park Rangers who told us about the trees in this temperate rain forest, illustrating with a slide show which he had put together. Then some of us walked through to the suspension bridge which spans a tree fern gully. From the bridge you look down on a sea of canopies of fern trees.

We had lunch at the Port Albert Hotel which was first licensed in 1842 and has been open and operating longer than any other pub in Victoria. After lunch some members visited the Maritime Museum to delve into the history of the site which is one of Victoria's first European settlements.

West of Port Arthur is Toora where we visit the Wind Farm which takes advantage of the prevailing winds. Unfortunately the installation was not the part of Telstra which monitors the system. The engineer in charge was there and he gave us a good account of the system. The generator and its control system is housed in a nacelle which carries also the three bladed propeller which has 32 metre filter - glass blades, variable pitch, to catch the wind. this is at the top of a 67 metre tubular steel tower. The towers were manufactured in Bendigo by A.D.I.

The engineer informed us that it takes a 3 minutes for full power to be achieved. The twelve wind turbines at Toora have a capacity of 21 MW.

Leaving behind the Wind Farm we moved on to Yarrana where we had a brief stop but we were not able to visit the Old Court House, it had just closed. Continuing, we drove past ch Loy Yang Power House and the open cut mine; then back to the Motor Inn.

After dinner we had an amusing night of fun and surprise. We all played ridiculous game with Val Murphy in charge, aided and hindered by Neville our Coach Captain.

On Wednesday morning we left Morwell but on the way out we drove past, and around the Rose Gardens. These were planted by the local communing who also maintain them. There are 3000 rose bushes of 250 different varieties. It is a wonderful achievement and the local people are justifiably proud of it.

The next stop was at the Boolarra Fern Nursery where Rob and Marietta Herm, the proprietors, gave us a conducted tour together with advice about growing the many types of ferns.

Nearby is the Boolarra Fish Farm. Many different sorts of goldfish are bred here. They are exported to many different countries. On we proceeded to Thorpedale. This is a prolific potato growing area. Producing at peak season 150 truck loads a week. The surrounding scenery is open country providing beautiful scenic views. Here in particular is the home of the Murphy family. We stopped here to admire the gardens, to taste Val Murphy's specialty, potato ice-cream, and to buy potatoes.

Then we moved on the Moe and Silks Restaurant for a smorgasbord lunch. Then our last visit of the tour, to the Rosary, situated on 10 acres of gardens with lake. Antiques, crafts, plants and flowers are available for purchase.

We arrived home in the early evening after a great short holiday, thanks to Arthur and of course Val Murphy and Neville Dashurst.

President - Alec Crothers

President's Remarks

For my remarks this month, I thought I would look at the remarks of a few other presidents.

Abraham Lincoln

You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you can not fool all the people all the time.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Let me assert my firm opinion that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Theodore Roosevelt

Speak softly and carry a big stick.

Thomas Jefferson

No duty the Executive had to perform was so trying as to put the right man in the right place.

Moving away from U.S. Presidents, how about General Charles De Gaulle?

The French will only be united under the threat of danger. Nobody can simply bring together a country that has 265 kinds of cheese.

SMILE TIME

- When the fifth grade class came back indoors after play time, the teacher noticed that one boy had a distinct red mark around his neck. The boy explained, that he had pulled his scarf off his neck very quickly and roughly, and added quite proudly that he thought he was nearly decaffeinated.
- A split second is... That brief moment in time between reading the freeway sign and realising you've missed the off ramp.
- An ancient saying... "We are all born with nothing. Everything after that is profit".

COMMITTEE REMINDER: Please bring along your membership drive written suggestions to our next meeting. (Only 3 received to date).

SECRETARY



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

LOCAL TOURING - TUESDAY, 24TH JULY

Jimmy Possum Furniture, Smorgasboard Chinese Lunch, Planetarium

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Includes: *Coach, Lunch & Tour Costs. Based on (30)*

Depart 10.30am from Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

11.00am: Conducted Tour of Jimmy Possum Furniture, acclaimed Australia wide.

12.30pm: House of Khong Hargreaves St: Smorgasboard Chinese Banquet Lunch, 17 courses to choose from, eat as much as you can, Tea/Coffee provided.

2.30pm: Discovery Science & Technology Centre: A Planetarium Show and afterwards experience some of the 120 interactive exhibits. Finish approx 4.00pm.

An interesting, relaxed, informative outing at a leisurely pace, please support it.

**** First 30 bookings accepted, thereafter emergencies encouraged.**

**** Bookings & payments at Wednesday June 20th meeting.**

TRIP TO LOCKINGTON AREA

Maximum: (52) Sharing with Sandhurst 26/26 Tuesday, August 21st, 2007

Cost: \$30.00 per person. Includes: *Coach, Lunch & Tour Costs. Based on (35)*

Depart 9.00am from Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

Our first visit will be to *Fields Succulent and Cactus Farm at Tennyson*, a family business with experience dating back to 1908. Here, we will see the ***largest collection of mature plants in Australia, over 2000 varieties*** in a two & half acre natural setting, we will have a conducted tour. **A unique experience.** *As well as Cacti & Succulent plants, they also have a variety of Aloe Vera Products for sale.*

Our next visit is to *Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex*, here we take a ***trip down memory lane***, we will have a guided tour, see over an **extensive range** of historical artefacts that were used in the district, **exhibits include:** General displays, Creamery exhibit, Shearing Shed, Blacksmiths, a Shop, Dairy Shed and many more, displays are continually being developed. There is ***plenty of seating available*** in the tearooms during our stay. **Lunch:** The Lockington volunteers will provide us with a **delicious two course lunch** in the function & tea room of the complex.

LIST/Bookings: At meeting **Wednesday 20th June.** **Payments:** 18th July Meeting

TRIP TO BOORT "Country Town of Prosperity"

Maximum: (52) *Sharing with Sandhurst 26/26* **Thursday, September 20th, 2007**

Cost: \$45.00 per person. **Includes:** Coach, Lunch & Tour Costs. Based on (35)

Depart 8.30am from Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

On arrival at Boort Lake we meet our **Guide Robyn Vella of Loddon Discovery Tours or her Deputy** who will be our guide for our Tour.

First we travel to **Simply Tomatoes** to learn about Tomato production, where we will be treated to a **scrumptious morning tea.**

Next we visit **Glencoe Fish Hatchery, a state of the art facility**, see some of Australia's largest domesticated Murray Cod. Barrimundi is also grown in tanks.

Lunch: In the lounge of either the friendly Railway or Commercial Hotel in Boort.

Boort Olive Plantation: We take a leisurely drive through the plantation, which when fully established, **may be the largest irrigated Olive Plantation in the world.**

LIST/Bookings: At meeting **Wednesday 18th July.** **Payments:** 15th August meeting.

In order for these tours to be a success and viable I seek a positive response and support from the membership of our Club. Enquiries to Arthur: Phone 5443 9162

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th October, 2005

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS -

Proposed TRIP TO WARRNAMBOOL/PORTLAND AREA

Maximum: (25 rooms) *Sharing with Sandhurst Probuss Club. On equal basis.*

Cost: (Minimum (30) \$475/person Twin Share. **Single Sup:** \$124

Cost: (Minimum (35) \$460/person Twin Share. **Single Sup:** \$124

**** Copy of Itinerary available for perusal at meeting Wednesday, June 20th.**

**** Expressions of Interest are invited at June 20th meeting.**

**** Listing, together with cost and itinerary will be published in 18th July Probe.**

****A 3 Day/2 Night Itinerary is also available for perusal, I recommend the 4 day/3 night. Enquiries to Arthur: Phone 5443 9162**