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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 for the June Meeting will be from Bendigo Health.
Subject - Diabetes.**

Chris Lock from Vision Australia was the Guest Speaker at the May Meeting and was introduced to the members by President Ern. Chris told how Vision Australia was formed through the merger of the Royal Blind Society, The Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, Vision Australian Foundation and the National Information and Library Services. Vision Australia assists people who are blind or have low vision to find practical solutions to enable individuals to live independently in their home, workplace, or community setting. Specialist staff advise people how to make the most of their remaining vision. Chris demonstrated a wide range of equipment available to help people to realise their maximum vision potential. Chris stayed on after the meeting and demonstrated some of the equipment and answered many questions. Dr Allyn Fisher made the usual presentation on behalf of the members.

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

President's Corner

In Italy for thirty years under the Borgias they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed - they produced Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci and the Renaissance. In Switzerland they had brotherly love, five hundred years of democracy and peace and what did that produce...? The cuckoo clock!

- *The Third Man, spoken by Orson Welles, Director*

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

July 2009			August 2009		
07	Ken Crouch	69	05	Frank O'Connell	85
09	Jack Wallace	88	14	Jack Kelly	85
13	Bob McCaskill	87	24	Colin McLean	86
20	Arthur Cowling	90			
21	Peter Thornton	78			

Congratulations to all the above, especially **Arthur Cowling**

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

Luncheon Members and Friends

The June luncheon is to be held at the Belmont Hotel, Skene Street following the Probus meeting on Wednesday 17th June. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 15th June. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone: 5443 2642. This helps to book the correct number. There was 10 members at the May lunch.

- *Alec C.*

VALE

Thomas "Tom" Albert Roberts O.A.M. 1921-2009

Foundation member featured in Probe May 2009

R.I.P. we will miss him.

- *Editor*

POSITIONS VACANT

Ray Fitzgerald has put his hand up for Vice President, Thank you. But we still need the following positions to be filled. Guest Speaker organiser and two Committee Members.

- *Editor*

Snippets

VISITOR: A surprise visit from Len Hodren who was our President in 06/07. Len is now living in New Zealand.

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with these members not feeling well and hope for better days ahead.

- *Editor*

Useless Information

- Leif Erikson was the first european to set foot in North America in the year 1000, not Columbus.
- The first thing Queen Victoria did after her Coronation was to remove her bed from her Mothers room.
- The word “Kangaroo” “means I don't know” in the language of aborigines. When Captain Cook approached natives of the Endeavour River Tribe to ask what the strange animal was, he got Kangaroo for an answer.
- You can cut up a starfish into pieces and each piece will grow into a completely new starfish.
- Ramses II, a Pharaoh of Egypt died in 1225 BC at the time of his death he had fathered 111 sons and 67 daughters.

- Editor.

Simple Puzzle Time - (a clearer solution)

666666

Write the number 6 six times as shown above. Now write it (still with six 6's) in such a way that the total is 37.

Answer (clearer?) Multiply six by six, then add sixty six, divided by sixty six. This equals (or should!) thirty seven.

- Bob. C.

Little Zachary

Little Zachary was doing very badly in maths. His parents had tried everything... Tutors, Mentors, flash cards, special learning centres.

In short, everything they could think of to help his math. Finally, in a last ditch effort, they took Zachary down and enrolled him in the local Catholic School.

After the first day, little Zachary came home with a very serious look on his face. he didn't even kiss his mother hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying. Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Zachary was hard at work.

His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner. To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference.

Finally, little Zachary brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, his mum looked at it and to her great surprise, little Zachary got an 'A' in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity. She went to his room and said, 'Son, what was it? Was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? Little Zachary looked at her and said, 'Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around.

- Rupert R.

**AT R. L. CAMPBELL THEATRETTE (In Hargreaves Street.)
SUNDAY 19th JULY, 2009 AT 1.30pm.**

Bookings: Our Club has been allocated (40 seats) for Members & Partner/or Friend

Cost: \$5.00 per person includes: Film Show and A/Tea.

Screening includes: Images gained by Rob & Cynthia during a recent 6 months driving tour of 23,000 km from Oregon to the Arctic Ocean in Alaska. **Highlights include:** Attending a five day gathering of 2000 Indians. **The Inside Passage:** 3 Days to Haines in Alaska. Close up encounters with bears, bull moose, Elk etc. Yellowstone National Park (Bison & Elk), Bryce Canyon Teton National Park in full Autumn Colour - Reaching to the Arctic Ocean.

Program: Entry: 1.30pm. Important to be seated by 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start

** 2.00pm to 3.00pm	Films:
** 3.00pm to 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea & Socialise. (Afternoon Tea of: Tea, Coffee & Biscuits.)
** 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Films
** 4.30pm	Depart for home in daylight.

The following (39) bookings have been accepted for Probus Club of Bendigo.

B. Armstrong (1), C. Binks (2), G. Bloomfield (1), Chenery (1), W. Clemens (2), A. Cowling (2), A. Crothers (2), Dingle, T. (1), A. Eaton (1), R. Fitzgerald (2), K. Gloster (2), Jean Goodrich (1), M. Hallett (2), G. Himsworth (2), E. Holland (2), D. Laity (2), R. Michell (1), B., K. Proud (2), D. Ridge (2), R. Reynolds (2), A. Ryall (2), C. Slade (2), Y. Wallace (1), H. Ward (1).

PAYMENTS: Important they be made prior or at meeting Wed. 17th June, 2009.
In order to assist the collector, please tender correct amounts.

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2009
CAPITAL THEATRE MORNING SHOW:- "The Spirit of Christmas."**

Show starts 11.00AM ** Report at 10.15am for a Cuppa, before start of show.

**** LUNCH:** - 12.30pm Select from menu. AT RIFLE BRIGADE HOTEL.
(Just walk across View Street.)

**** COST:** \$ 12.00 per person for Theatre Entry. Lunch- purchase your own.

Advance Notice Maximum (35) PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 21st October, 2009.

**A Future Trip Proposal: TRIP TO THE FAMOUS CRUDEN FARM GARDENS
(Of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch) AT LANGWARREN.**

Cruden Farm is possibly one of the most famous gardens in Australia and the life achievement of National Treasure, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. Currently I am endeavouring to arrange for a mid week visit in October, however this is proving difficult.

If I get sufficient support I could take a Coach Group to visit on Sunday 6th December.

Based on (40) to travel, I could run the trip at approx \$35.00 per person, which would include Coach Travel and Entry to Cruden Farm. Participants could either take a Picnic Lunch or Purchase on day.

****** I would endeavour to also arrange for a visit to another venue of interest.
Please give the trip your consideration and be prepared to give me a "positive expression of your interest" on an **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LIST** posted at our meeting on Wednesday 17th June.

Trips Enquiries to: Arthur Eaton, Tours Organiser. Phone: 5443 9162