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A special General meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,

At 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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The speaker for the June Meeting will be Gemma Ford

The subject will be "Murray River Expeditions"

**PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL START AT 9.30AM
TO ALLOW FOR THE NOTICES OF MOTION TO BE HEARD.**



Irma Dymke, President Probus Associations Victoria addressed the members in a most enlightening way. Irma shared with members her experiences with clubs which had changed from single sex to mixed. She had no hesitation in saying that this was the way for the future of so many Probus Clubs struggling to survive with ageing memberships, an inability to fill administrative roles in their club and a very small

induction rate of new members. The whole topic was, of course, most appropriate as members were earlier presented with two Notices of Motion to be voted upon at our June meeting which would firstly bring our Constitution up to date and secondly allow for our Club to accept lady members for the first time. Irma was most firm that she felt it most unfair that, for example, widows of members whilst still being able to join in the club trips and outings were denied the pleasures of our meetings and guest speakers on a regular basis and she was very sure that they would have a lot of expertise and fellowship to offer all members and the Club. Irma felt that many newly retired couples wanted to SHARE their retirement together and a mixed gender Probus Club was the ideal starting point. It was very fitting that Irma was our principal guest at our 25th Anniversary Luncheon which followed our meeting. Irma is waiting with baited breath to find out how our voting goes at our June meeting.

**MEMBERS YOU MAY USE YOUR PROXY VOTING
FORMS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND
THE JUNE MEETING TO VOTE ON THE
RESOLUTIONS HANDED/SENT OUT TO YOU !**

PRESIDENTS PIECE
Our 25th Anniversary
WHAT A GREAT DAY IT WAS!

I sincerely thank all our members who supported and put so much effort into this Landmark Occasion in the history of our proud Club.

I consider that, firstly, the State President of the Probus Association's visit to our club, secondly, the advice and endorsement of our committee's objectives, i.e. to strive and secure a sustainable future, is something that each and every member should be proud of!!

We are heading down the road to a sustainable membership increase and with our endeavors and your continued support on the 16th June we can complete the preparations for the fruitful journey into THE NEXT TWENTY FIVE YEARS ! This is one tour you should all support!

Ern Holland

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WELCOME:



Our newest member Ron Pollock was introduced by Arthur Eaton and was inducted by President Ern. Ron (wife is Effie) spent some 40+ years with the railways and was Regional Operations Manager for the Bendigo Region. Residing in Bendigo Ron is really looking forward to joining us on our many and varied trips and tours, he loves travel !! We all look forward to enjoying your fellowship Ron!

Question Answered: A couple of members have raised a question with regard to the proposed Standing Resolution 10. It should be noted that the 65% refers to the MAXIMUM MEMBERSHIP and not the actual membership. Hence we could have up to 78 of one gender and 42 of the other gender.



CINNAMON BANANA PANCAKES

Ingredients: 1 cup SR flour, 1 tsp cinnamon,

½ tsp bi-carb soda, ¼ cup caster sugar

1 egg lightly beaten, 50g melted butter

1¾ cup buttermilk,

Topping: 2 large bananas sliced, maple syrup or warm honey, low fat ricotta.

Method: Sift flour, cinnamon, soda and sugar in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg, melted butter and buttermilk. Pour the wet mixture into flour mixture and stir until smooth. In a non stick pan over a medium low heat add scoops of pancake mixture to the pan, cook until golden brown on both sides and cooked through. Place the cooked pancakes in a pre-heated oven 150 degrees, covered with foil until all pancakes are cooked. To serve place a couple of pancakes on each plate, add some sliced banana and drizzle with maple syrup or honey. Then serve with low fat ricotta. (TRIED AND TESTED BY MIKE AND DENISE !!!!)

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day Gentlemen !!

JUNE

5th John White
6th Allyn Fisher
7th Barry Hargrave
7th Ron Twitt
22nd Norm Gillies
23rd Ralph Michell

JULY

13th Robert McCaskill
19th Ken Crouch
20th Arthur Cowling

Computer Help :

Are you needing help with any computer problems or are you thinking of getting a computer or using your computer so you can have Email and/or Skype contact with your family wherever they are in the world but are scared/apprehensive to do so? Don't be scared or apprehensive, don't let the grand kids get the better of you, just give the Editor of Probe, Mike Watt a ring and I will ensure that you have the help you need in the simplest of ways and free of charge !!!! Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

Items for the next PROBE

Must be submitted to the Editor no later than:

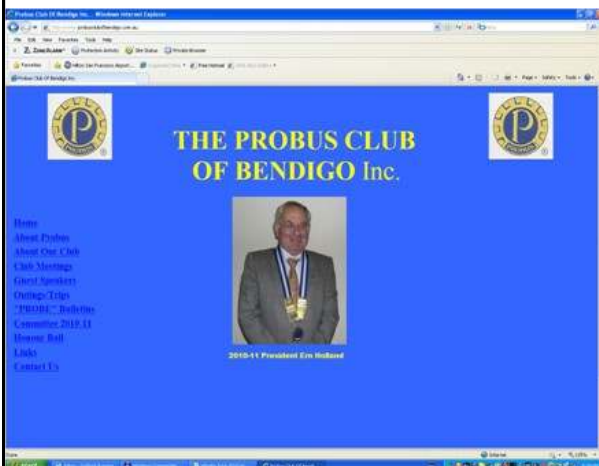
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My email is mjwatt@dodo.com.au

My snail mail address is 4, McConnell Drive,
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CLUB WEBSITE LAUNCHED !!!

www.probusclubofbendigo.com.au



Members with access to the internet are invited to have a browse of our very own Club website !! (Your grandkids can help you if you don't know how !)

Most links are now fully functional.

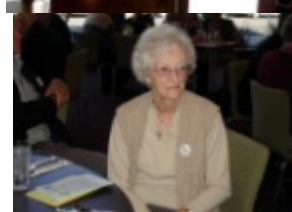
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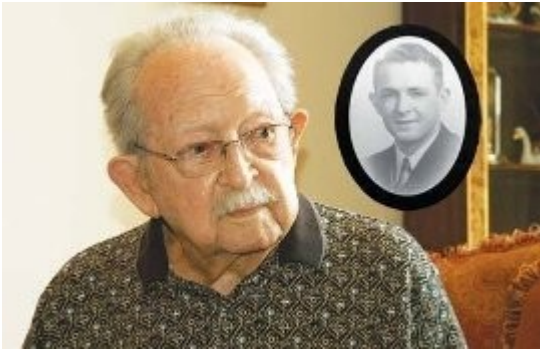
If you still have problems just give Mike a ring on 54493925 and with luck it will be fixed immediately if not sooner !!

HELP US TO HELP YOU—LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER HEAR YOUR SUGGESTIONS ETC.!!

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25th Anniversary Luncheon Photo Gallery by Norm Dack





As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Schlumberg is such a person.

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired'?

Well, I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, and one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages into urine!!

Harold should be an inspiration to all of us!

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CLUB FINANCE : As at 17th May General \$384.52 Tours \$2566.02

Banking — Cheque Account \$325.48 Cash Account \$2625.06

Only Financial members will be able to vote at our next meeting !

If you still have not paid please do so as soon as possible!

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SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery !

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Some more photos from the Luncheon. (Copies of all photos available from the editor)



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BOWLS REPORT: Currently the bowls are in recess and members will be informed as soon as they resume.

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LOANERS REPORT:

To date "The Loaners" have been an unofficial gathering of some of the widowers in our Club who meet regularly at The Bendigo Club for an evening meal and chatter !! Who else but good old Arthur Eaton is responsible for this great idea and anyone interested in joining them is asked to get in touch with Arthur Ph 5443 9162

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM:

In this Probe you will find an application form for membership of our CLUB. Let us all try hard to get one filled in for a new member and handed in to Secretary Bob as soon as possible !!!

SATURDAY 3RD JULY, 2010.

SEYMOUR HERITAGE RAILWAY – HERITAGE TRAIN TO TOCUMWAL

Depart at 6.45am from Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park, Crook Street. **Essential to be on time

Cost \$50/person: includes Coach & Train Fares

Train from Seymour 8.40am. Arrive Tocumwal 11.30am. Return Dep Tocumwal 3.30pm Arr Seymour 6.35pm

Special carriages on the train will include *State Car No 4 (In which Royalty travels), and the former Spirit of Progress Parlour Car, both of which will be open for inspection during the journey.*

On Train services: *A Kiosk in operation during the train journey providing a range of snacks & refreshments.*

The train arrives in Tocumwal at 11.30am. You will have 3 ½ hours in Tocumwal – there is plenty to do.

Our visit coincides with the Tocumwal Festival. There will be Food Stalls, a Street Parade of Ferguson Tractors, Classic Cars & Hot Rods, A static display of Engines & Collectables, *Buskers*, Wood Turning, Art & Craft Displays & Demonstrations. There are some other options also.

Maximum (20). Current Bookings: (20) Bookings held for:

I. Bennett (1), A. Eaton (1), Norm Gillies (1), K. Gloster (2), G. Himsworth (3), Bruce Michelsen (1),

I. Nixon (1), R. Pollock (1), H. Ward (1), M. Watt (3), J. White (1) W. Winzar (1),

Payments Due: \$50.00/person Prior to, or at 16th June Meeting.

MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS-

5 DAY/4 NIGHTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISCOVERY TOUR:

CRUISE ON MURRAY RIVER - ALSO ADELAIDE & S.A. TOUR

FRIDAY 5th to TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2010 - Min: (10), Max: (32) Current (16)

Price per Person: \$1868 Twin Share. \$2441 Single Supplement ***“Will be a great trip.”***

Includes: *Transport: Bendigo to Airport & Return, Air Fares: To & From Adelaide*

Airport Taxes: Accommodation & Meals (both Boat & Adelaide), Cruising & Tours

as per the Itinerary. (On this Tour: 2 Nights on the Boat & 2 Nights in Adelaide.)

Includes a “Full Day Tour” from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island or if individuals wish, to the Barossa Valley **De-**
posits: Of \$200/person due at 16th June Meeting (and get \$100 discount)

**** Copies of Itinerary available for persusal Vacancies exist: Enquiries to Arthur: 5443 9162**

Current Bookings: (16) for: I. Bennett (1), N Bruhn (2), A. Crothers (2), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), F. Himsworth (1), R. Michell (1), Dot Mills (1), Muriel Miller (1), H. Ward (1), Geoff Rumbold (2)

**** Gemma Foord (Murray River Expeditions) is Guest Speaker at our Wed. 16th June meeting**

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2010 - “MARY POPPINS” (A great Musical Show)

Live Show Her Majesties Theatre in Melbourne. - Show starts 2.00pm.

COST: \$130/Person. **Includes** Coach Travel (Bendigo Coachlines – 93 Wood St, Bendigo

Theatre Entry with better seats in Dress Circle

Depart Bendigo: Approx 9.30am. **Return home** by approx 7.00pm.

Currently: I have seats on hold with Southern Cross Travel, 93 Wood St. Bendigo 5446 7000

To book: Phone: 5446 7000 (Kirsty) Tell them you are in the Probus Club of Bendigo Group

PAYMENT: May be made personally at 93 Wood Street, or if by Mail: a Cheque made at To Southern Cross Travel. **** If paying by Credit Card - 2.1/2% surcharge applies.**

Currently our Club has secured (21 paid bookings.)

**** Note:** If you wish to participate then: act now – (12) seats on hold for a limited time.

TRIP TO MELBOURNE VISIT ‘TITANIC EXHIBITION’ AT MELB. MUSEUM – WED. 23RD JUNE

Travel will be by Train (Use your Rail Pass, Seniors Rail Pass or purchase Concession Fare.)

Depart Bendigo: By the 7.45am Train Ex Bendigo. Return by 3.15pm ex Melb. Arr: Bendigo: 5.09pm

**** Be early, purchase your tickets, Assemble near the doorway to platform.- I will guide you during the day.**

**** Snacks or Light Meal available for purchase at Museum. *“Should be an interesting outing.”***

**** Entry to Titanic Exhibition: (Concession) \$18.00/person ** Phone Arthur LIST Wed 16th June Meeting**

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur. Phone: 5443 9162

MEMBERS LUNCHEON:

The June Luncheon is to be held at The Brougham Arms, Williamson Street following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday 16th June. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 14th June. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone 5443 2642