



PROBE

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

The President will give his report at the June general meeting.

EDITORIAL

In May 2010 I produced my first edition of Probe, this is my 37th Edition and regrettably my last! For health reasons I have submitted my resignation as Probe editor with effect from immediately after this edition. I have derived a lot of pleasure and fun in producing the Probe, despite my many mistakes, and would like to thank all members for the way they have accepted my format etc.. In Particular I would like to thank Rupert Reynolds and Ern Holland who both regularly contributed jokes for inclusion! Many of Ern's I had to reject on the grounds of their "X" rating ☺ I was given free rein with regard to the format and I trust that whoever the new editor is, they also are given free reign to do their "own thing". If the new editor requires any technical help then they only have to ask me.

Mike Watt

SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

For health reasons I have submitted my resignation as Secretary. Until such times as Consumer affairs are notified of the change of Secretary I legally remain Secretary. Fuller details are in the Members Only section of this Probe. To whoever takes on the role of Secretary I pledge my full support and co-operation.

At the June meeting the Club will be asked to adopt the PSPL Model Constitution for Victorian Incorporated Clubs. Notice of motion and copies of the document are in the members only section of this Probe.

Just so that members can be quite clear on the function and authority of the Committee of Management please be aware of the following clauses in our Statement of Purposes and Rules (Constitution): both old and new-

- a. "The Management Committee shall exercise general control and management of the club affairs between meetings, reporting on actions taken at the next general meeting of members."

The Secretary has the following among his/her duties:-

- a. "The Secretary must perform any duty or function required under the Act to be performed by the secretary of an incorporated association."

Because this Probe is being published earlier than usual this month there will not be a financial report in the members only section. Copies of the finance report for the month of May will be available at the June General Meeting.

Yours truly in Probus, *Mike Watt*

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

We still have several members who have not paid their Subs for the 2013/14 year. As the club has already paid their affiliation fees it would be appreciated if they could forward them as soon as possible. I will be at the front desk at our JUNE meeting to receive them. Would the members who have already paid and have not received a RECEIPT please ask me for it I will have them all with me at the front desk.

Bob Santon

Membership Officer

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!

JUNE

1 st	Denise Watt	11 th	Dorothy Crothers
1 st	Angela Lawson	11 th	Alec Crothers
5 th	John White	22 nd	Norm Gillies
6 th	Allyn Fisher	22 nd	June Fitzgerald
7 th	Barry Hargrave	23 rd	Ralph Michell
7 th	Ron Twitt	30 th	Bev Bruhn

JULY

1 st	Lynwood Stork	20 th	Arthur Cowling
2 nd	John Minney	21 st	Denise Santon
8 th	Ailsa Coghlan	29 th	Joan Gloster
13 th	Gwen Bloomfield		
17 th	Kath Holland		
19 th	Ken Crouch		

Members, Partners and Friends Luncheon

The luncheon to be held after the June 19th General Meeting will be held at The Foundry Hotel High St. Golden Square. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy Crothers on 5443 2642, likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

Fridays 21st & 28th of June, 5th & 12th of JULY at KENNINGTON RESERVOIR meet at the entrance to the ALDI Car Park, for walk to commence at 10am promptly. We continue to have strong support for this group, for our very leisurely stroll, more members are indeed encouraged to attend. Ring me with any queries. Regards *Bob Santon* 5447 1914

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next on **Thursday June 13th at Strath Village at 10.15 am**, see you there!

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

LONERS GROUP

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the **Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm**. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Put **Sunday 11th August 2013 at 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road**. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN THE MONTH TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNION GOERS©

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem or request. 54493925

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES - PROGRAME

THE TOUR AND ACTIVITIES. COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A PROBUS CLUB DINNER (CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST) FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO BE HELD AT VAHLANDS BISTRO FROM 6pm TO 8pm ON WEDNESDAY THE 28th AUGUST 2013.

The cost is \$35.00 per person.

Menu: Mains. Roast Turkey, Ham, Pork served with roast vegetables (Roast potatoe, pumpkin, carrots) and peas. Accompanied with cranberry sauce, mint sauce and gravy.

Dessert: Alternate Drop of

Plum Pudding served with Brandy Custard.

Single Pavlovas with fruit, cream and berry coulis.

Self service to tea and coffee station.

Members who are interested can record their names at the reception table

Number of people catered for is 30 people. **We need to have final numbers by Wednesday 17th July 2013.**

**Trip to the Werribee Zoo and Gardens .
Tuesday 10th September,2013.**

Travel by Train: (Use your free Rail Pass or Senior Concession)
 Depart Bendigo: 7-45am Train to Melbourne and alight train at Sunbury.
 Return: From Sunbury by train at approximately 3-53pm (Arrive Bendigo 5-10pm)
 Our tour bus will meet us at Sunbury to take us to the Werribee Mansions Rose Garden for Morning Tea. We would then visit the Open Range Zoo with an 11-30am Safari Bus tour included.
 Lunch: A (2 course) meal will be at the Hoppers Club after which we will be transported to the Sunbury Rail Station.
 Cost: Will be \$55 person for a minimum of 18 people, maximum 24 people.

The cost of entry to the Werribee Zoo (On Safari) is \$20 that is why the cost becomes:-
\$55.

Members who would like to go on this tour can submit their names to a member of the Tour Committee at the reception table. **Payments: Meeting Wed. 21st August.** Enquiries to Bill Redmond. 54431541.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

17/10/2013 -24/10/2013 RURAL RIVERS RUN - MURRUMBIDGEE AND THE MURRAY I am waiting for full details of this tour so let me know if you are interested (this also is a Kingston Tour)

13/10/2013 -18/10/2013 PROBUS RENDEVOUS Albury/Wodonga
 Registrations closes Sept 13th Cost \$120pp.
 Optional half or full day tours are available.

**19/11/2013 – 2/12/2013 DAWN PRINCESS CRUISE 13 DAYS MELBOURNE – NZ – MELBOURNE
 OPEN TO ALL PROBIANS &/OR FRIENDS OF ANY CLUB**

13 Days **New Zealand**
Dawn Princess

Roundtrip from Melbourne, Australia

Ports: Melbourne, Australia | Auckland, New Zealand | Tauranga, New Zealand | Napier, New Zealand | Wellington, New Zealand | Akaroa, New Zealand | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Fiordland National Park, New Zealand | Melbourne, Australia

*Fares are per person, double occupancy. View pricing terms >

2013 Nov: **19**

Add To Compare ▼ Hide all fares for all staterooms ▼

		Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Mini-Suite	Suite	
Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013 Dawn Princess	Launch Fare	\$4,856.42*	\$2,456.42*	\$3,446.42*	\$5,356.42*	\$7,156.42*	Select
	Your Fare	\$1,599.42*	\$2,299.42*	\$2,399.42*	\$3,899.42*		

Gov't Fees and Taxes included: \$247.42*

Price shown for Nov. 19, 2013

Interior per person from:
 Launch Fare: ~~\$4,856.42*~~
Your Fare: \$1,599.42*
 Fare above includes
 Gov't Fees & Taxes of \$247.42*

Fare Currency: AUD

Select a Date

How To Make Bookings
 To make bookings on our group contract it is important either yourself or Mike/Denise call on 13 24 88 to make the bookings. Prior to starting the booking process the following information needs to be advised to our reservation staff to ensure we quote and book on your group:

- Agency ID: 00170605
- Group ID: TVG
- Cruise Number: D319
- Name of Group: Probus Club - Bendigo

To make bookings the following information is required for each individual:

- Name as per passport · Date of Birth · Phone Number · Address · Bedding configuration (twin or queen) · Preferred Dinner time (1st sitting at 5.30pm and 2nd sitting at 7.45pm) Mike and Denise have 1st Sitting · Requested Table Size (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) Any medical and dietary requests
- When the booking is made a booking number will be advised and booking confirmation sent. Deposit (20%) for each booking will be required within 3 days of booking and final payment will be due 6 September 2013. We require each booking to complete cruise personaliser via www.princess.com (Mike can help with this if required.) Any questions or help required Contact Mike or Denise 54493925.



These questions about Australia were posted on an Australian Tourism website. Obviously the answers came from fellow Aussies.....just trying to help:

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, so how do the plants grow? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water..

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not... oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is north in Australia? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 90 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Do you have perfume in Australia? (France)

A: No, WE don't stink.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: Are there killer bees in Australia? (Germany)

A: Not yet, but for you, we'll import them.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees.(USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: I was in Australia in 1969 on R+R, and I want to contact the girl I dated while I was staying in Kings Cross. Can you help? (USA)

A: Yes, and you will still have to pay her by the hour.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first.

MEMBERS ONLY SECTION OF PROBE

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22nd May 2013

President Ken, Committee Members and fellow Probians,

The first three months of this year as Secretary of our Club were made a living nightmare for me by the actions of two members. Repeated attempts by myself, last year's Executive, last year's Committee and even two mediators all of whom arrived at so called resolutions to the problem all of which have obviously failed.

Since March the undercurrent has continued, even as recently as this month's general meeting day, despite assurances that the matter was resolved for good.

A total of now five months have elapsed where the stress on me personally has taken a very heavy toll, emotionally, mentally and physically to the extent where yesterday my specialist confirmed that the stress on all three fronts was a major contributory factor to the relatively rapid decline in my health which is basically irreversible!

Enough is enough, so I haul up the white flag.

With immediate effect I resign as Secretary (Public Officer) of the Probus Club Of Bendigo Inc. I also resign as Probe Editor/Printer however I will publish the June Probe, thereafter my resignation takes effect immediately.

I am prepared to continue in the role of IT/Computer Support person both for the Club its Officers and any/all of its members. I will publish the Membership Booklet as promised in the immediate future (as soon as subs payments are finalised) and will print the new Rules/Standing Orders (Constitution) for distribution to all members as and when they are finalised by the Club later this year. My ongoing financial donations to the Club from the sale of Probus Club Software will continue. Both Denise and I will continue to be the Club delegates to Probus Association of Victoria.

On the 31st March we had 92 members and to the 88 who have demonstrated support, friendship and inspiration to myself and Denise I say a very big thank you and long may it continue!

Both Denise and I will continue to support our great Club and look forward to future months of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

This letter is going to just President Ken initially, and then the Committee as of today's date. It will be published in the Members Only editions of the June Probe.

Yours truly in Probus

Mike Watt

Mike Watt

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion is to be put to the members of the Club at the June General Meeting 19th June 2013:

“That the members of the Probus Club of Bendigo Incorporated hereby adopt the Model Constitution for Incorporated Probus Clubs in Victoria as issued by Probus South Pacific Limited on 5th May 2013 and unaltered, as our STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND RULES (CONSTITUTION) and the Secretary (Public Officer) is hereby authorised to submit them to Consumer affairs Victoria for ratification.”

A copy is attached together with our Standing Orders which are to remain unchanged.

Mike Watt

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.
HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 15TH May 2013**

The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Ken Crouch in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 57 members were welcomed by President Ken. Apologies were recorded from: Jean Andrews, Geoff Biles, Cliff Binks, Evelyn Bruhn, Nigel Christie, Jeanette Clark, Ailsa Coghlan, Grae Dack, Ian Dean, Allyn Fisher, Kath Holland, Zane Hughes, Jack Kelly, Angela Lawson, J&M McDonald, Colin McLean, Ralph Michell, A. Stephens, Lynwood Stork, Elaine Stuart, Yvonne Wallace,

GUESTS: Roy Lowe, Val Ryan.

CLUB JESTER : Bob Chenery provided light relief with a well chosen joke.

INDUCTION: Ken Crouch welcomed and inducted Val and Roy into our Club.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by Secretary Mike, seconded Bob Santon.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN

1. 6 Newsletters + 4 by email
2. PSPL 1st and 2nd final Revision of Model Club Constitution
3. PAV re resignation of Denise
4. Seniors Rights Victoria

OUT

1. PSPL Annual return and capitation fee
2. Numerous internal emails of no real significance.

Moved by the Secretary and Seconded by Ern Holland "that the correspondence as read be accepted" Carried

Matters arising:

IN

1. Club Constitution held pending CAC approval.
2. Seniors Rights available at the front desk.

General Business:

Barry O'Brien asked about the wording in the Probe about collecting fees, Mike Watt said he had written it, and it was not Bob Santon.

Dorothy Crothers said it was very nice to see Ken Gloster at our Meeting

REPORTS:

TREASURER:FINANCIAL REPORT. That the report as detailed in the Clubs "Probe" be accepted. MOVED Barry Coghlan. Seconded Don Ridge.Carried

Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance over the phone. Members with Internet encouraged to visit Web Site.

Coffee Group /Chat and Badger: Denise Watt - the next gathering is at Strath Village on Thursday 13th June.The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on Sunday 11th August2013 at 9.00am.

Ladies only Luncheons Denise reported due to lack of support future luncheons are in limbo.

Tours & Trips Bill Redmond reported on the Williamstown trip, also asked for a show of hands for a trip to Werribee Zoo with a lunch. More trips to be arranged.Also a reminder about the Festival of Light at the Stupa. and moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Arthur Eaton. carried.

Walking Group: Bob Santon reported on the increasing support for the Friday morning walks. Full details are in Probe.

LUNCHEON: Dorothy said Lunch was at the RSL and welcomed our Guest Speaker to join us.

Bob Santon & Brian McGrath gave an interesting talk on their working lives.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards.

CLOSE: President Ken thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.35 am.

GUEST SPEAKER. Marie West from Cassia. gave a talk on Breast Cancer. Bet Hall thanked Maree on behalf of the club.

CONFIRMED.....President 15th May 2013.

Individual members are invited to join the PSPL Reform Group Incorporated.
The Club has joined and the voting member is The president of the day.

By joining you will be kept fully informed of the progress towards the objectives of the group.

THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP:

1. To achieve membership and ownership of PSPL by all the Probus Clubs.
2. To reform PSPL to place it in it's proper relationship as a service provider to Probus Clubs

THEIR PLEDGES TO YOU AS A PROBIAN:

1. We will do everything in our power to secure the objectives by a professional type approach.
2. We will endeavour to deal direct with all Board members of PSPL.
3. We will seek the help and support of all Rotary District Governors.
4. All monies received will be email acknowledged.
5. Committee members do not receive any remuneration.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
FOR PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP (NON-VOTING)**

Note: do not use this form if you wish to apply for Incorporated or Unincorporated Club Membership, or Incorporated or Unincorporated Association Membership.

I, the applicant named below,

- a) wish to become a member of PSPL Reform Group Inc. (the Group); and
- b) support the purposes of the Group; and
- c) agree to comply with the Rules of the Group; and
- d) **acknowledge that Personal Membership does not confer voting rights.**

Full name of Applicant	
Name of Club of which the Applicant is a member	
Applicant's address	
Email address	
Phone number	
Have you attached a cheque for \$10 joining fee?	
Signature of Applicant	Note: Currently there is no annual subscription

Payment: CHEQUES should be made payable to PSPL Reform Group Inc. and sent to:
Treasurer, PSPL Reform Group Inc. P.O. Box 334, Whittlesea, VIC. 3757

The guest speaker for June is Noel Tennison.

His talk is a collection of humorous anecdotes about his 35yrs in PR and celebrity guests of the Melbourne Press Club during that time. He also was the media advisor and speech writer to the Liberal Premier of Victoria, Rupert Hamer. He has written a book which will be for sale after his talk for \$20.

**Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
To be advised.**

NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP
Thursday June 13th at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am
Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream.



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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
at 10 am at the Masonic Centre McIvor Rd , Bendigo

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