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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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THE CENTRAL VICTORIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE and what makes it tick is the subject of our research today. Superintendent JACK ROWE will outline the administrative problems of the day-to-day operations and Training Officer JOHN D'OVIRAL will demonstrate some of the life-saving apparatus used by the service. Not to be missed!

LIBRARIAN BEVERLEY PORTEOUS used a spate of statistics to emphasise the value of the Central Goldfields Library when she addressed our February meeting.

Almost one million single loan transactions were made last year (an average of 35,000 loans per staff member) to make the Library the most highly-used facility of all the services provided by Local Government. Of the total residents in the area 55% are registered for Library services; BUT, in common with all country libraries, they have a funding crisis. Since no charge is made for the use of the services, libraries are directly dependent on Government funding and the proposed cuts are sending shivers up the spines of the conscientious Librarians. Our speaker outlined the many services outside the book-borrowing circuit which the library provides.

Jack Watts introduced the speaker and Bob Campbell tendered the thanks.

***** ANNUAL MEETING TODAY, WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH at 10 a.m. *****

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following Nominations for presentation to the Annual General Meeting today have been received:

President: ARTHUR EATON. Vice President: JACK WATTS.
Treasurer: ROBERT HOLMES. Secretary: RAY DOWNEY.
Committee: REG BROCK, BOB CAMPBELL, KEN GLOSTER, GORDON GLOVER,
KEITH INGLIS, GEORGE JENNINGS, CYRIL MCDONALD, CYRIL
MICHELSEN.

SEVEN to be elected; and as the number of nominations exceeds the number required an election will take place.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for period 1/3/1986 to 29/2/1987:-

| <u>RECEIPTS:</u> | | <u>PAYMENTS:</u> | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Membership Fees | 950.00 | Bulletins | 851.60 |
| Joining Fees | 40.00 | Printing & Stationery | 98.90 |
| Sale of Mugs | 189.50 | Mugs | 297.50 |
| Sale of Badges | 140.70 | Badges | 216.79 |
| Interest | 105.31 | Petty Cash | 60.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2.00 | Advertising | 79.40 |
| | | South Pacific Probus | 50.00 |
| | | Incorporation Expenses | 89.10 |
| | | F.I.D., Debits Tax | 23.95 |
| <u>TRIPS & ENTERTAINMENTS:</u> | | | |
| Melbourne (2) | 416.00 | Melbourne | 540.00 |
| Banooke | 556.00 | Banooke | 511.00 |
| Stawell | 1032.00 | Stawell | 1032.00 |
| Zoo | 495.00 | Zoo | 428.00 |
| Eildon | 1242.00 | Eildon | 1262.00 |
| Christmas Dinner | 1582.00 | Christmas Dinner | 1596.00 |
| Film & Luncheon 1 | 588.50 | Film & Luncheon (1) | 570.00 |
| Film & Luncheon 2 | 841.00 | Film & Luncheon (2) | 733.00 |
| Balance 1/3/1986 | 923.71 | Balance 28/2/1987 | 664.48 |
| | <u>\$9103.72</u> | | <u>\$9103.72</u> |

Balance \$664.48 Club Funds \$416.03 Surplus on Trips and
Entertainments \$248.45

THE DOCTOR'S LITTLE DAUGHTER answered the door.

"Is the doctor in?" asked the caller.

"No, He's at the hospital performing an appendectomy."

"That's a long word for a little girl. Do you know what it means?"
It means \$750 - and that doesn't include the anaesthetist," replied
the little one.

IN AN ACT OF VANDALISM probably unsurpassed in the annals of Bendigo the gracious and historical Royal Princess Theatre was razed to the ground. The object? To provide yet another Service Station and meet the voracious appetites of our petrol guzzling vehicles. Last year retribution came to the unlovely interloper when it, too, suffered the same fate and joined the old Princess in the limbo of forgotten things.

It is easy to forget the Service Station but there are many who have fond memories of the theatre that provided so much entertainment over the many years of its existence. One of them is

TED DRISCOLL

a Projectionist member of the Society of Australian Cinema Pioneers. In 1939, with his foot on the bottom rung of the career ladder, Ted served as Assistant Projectionist here after a short period with Hoyts in Melbourne.

Ted had the Cinema in his blood and in 1941, with Projectionist Licence in his hip-pocket he was transferred as Relief operator to the Albany and Century Theatrettes in Melbourne. Then the war and service in the Army intervened and he found himself in the Infantry (foot-sloggers) in the Torres Strait area. After several years his special talents surfaced and he transferred to Army Amenities as a projectionist and was posted to 106 Aust. General Hospital at Bonegilla where he relieved the boredom of the patients until his discharge in 1946.

Strangely enough, he gravitated back to Bendigo's Royal Princess Theatre and after a short spell there went back to the 'big smoke' as Projectionist at the Balwyn Theatre.

He must have decreed that his destiny lay in Bendigo for the housing shortage in Melbourne forced him back here where his career took another track - he worked at the Kia Ora tomato processing factory and he became Nightshift Foreman.

The lure of the shadow shapes was great; in 1955 Ted was involved in the building of the Golden Drive-In Theatre and became Projectionist there when the Theatre opened in December, 1955. He served there until his retirement in July, 1982 - a period of twenty-seven years. This has made him the only projectionist who has worked in all the theatres in Bendigo including the Royal Princess, the Lyric, the Plaza, the Eaglehawk Town Hall, the Drive-In and the Golden Twin Cinemas. Now that he is Honorary Projectionist for the Probus Club he can include the Robert M. Campbell Theatrette in that collection.



On the personal side, Ted was born in 1917 at Sandringham, educated at Black Rock and Hampton High Schools, and spent the first six years of his working life in a Hardware and Paint store. He married his wife, Irene in 1946 and they have 2 sons, 3 daughters and 12 grandchildren.

His sporting interests revolve around Golf and Bowls. He is a member of Neanger Park Golf Club, the Bendigo Club and Woodbury Bowls Club. Most importantly, he is a valued member of the Probus Club of Bendigo!

MITCHELTON is the next venue to be honoured by the presence of our members and their ladies. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th. is the date, 8 am is the departure time (from the Bendigo Club) and the Cop Out is \$15 per person and includes coach fare and light luncheon. A cuppacha will be provided but members are advised to bring some eats for morning tea.

First call will be at the historical homestead 'Nooralin' followed by lunch and escorted tour of the famous winery. Treasurer Jack would like to hold your financial contributions in his hot little hand today. Please!

ARRANGEMENTS for the Mildura trip (May 1st. to 3rd.) are well under way, BUT as these require some financial outlay a deposit of \$40 per person (total cost \$120) would be more than welcome at the meeting today.

PUCKAPANYAL TRIP is still on but needs some finalization including date which could be mid-May. Short one, this, probably 9 am to 3 pm with lunch-time barbecue. More later.

THE EILDON TRIP lived up to its promise and proved a most enjoyable day. Doncastrians have expensive tastes with Champers for morning tea (would you believe?). It is reported that nobody fell overboard and no voyager had to be treated for sea-sickness.

WE WELCOME yet another new member - NORM PHILLIPS - well known as the retired Director of the Bendigo Base Hospital. For the record: Norman Phillips, 21 Frederick Street, Bendigo, Phone: 41 1159.

AT A PARTY: "Once I gave up drinking, smoking and chasing women all at once. It was the worst twenty minutes of my life."

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LOUIS SAFIAN dedicated a book: "To my wife, Rea, who laughed at all my jokes; not because they're always clever, but because she is."

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