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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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and election of Officers will be held today at 10.00 a.m. Your attendance will be appreciated.

THE SPEAKER TODAY will be MAX KITCHELL of the Department of Conservation and Lands. With conservation and the utilisation of Lands an aggravated issue right now his talk should prove most enlightening.

THE SUBJECT OF 'BENDIGO GOLD' gave speaker GREG KUKLA much scope at the meeting last month. With the aid of graphic material he was able to present us with the facts on a subject of which we know little.

Mining Engineer for the company Greg dwelt at length on the Fosterville Project on which 2½ million dollars has been spent already on preliminary exploration and the production of a voluminous 'Environment Effects Statement'. The latter is most necessary to allay the fears of some residents involved in the land area and to ensure that the public are fully informed. Interested persons are invited to submit views either for or against the scheme.

The speaker outlined the complicated procedure for obtaining a License to mine which must surely rank as an excellent example of Bureaucracy at Work! This procedure varies alarmingly from state to state ranging from 3 months in Queensland to 22 months in Victoria.

The Company operates 39 'Tenements' in Australia and in Greece.

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Revenue to meet existing commitments is gained mainly from the processing of Tailings existing in the Bendigo area. Eventually, if a license is granted and the scheme developed the Fosterville Gold Project would directly employ 60 people with an additional 150 during the Construction phase, and would lead to the creation of another 100 jobs in the service and supply industries.

The speaker was introduced by KEN PROUD and JACK TAYLOR tendered the thanks.

PROBUS TRIPS INFORMATION.

THURSDAY MARCH 23RD, 1989: TRIP TO YARRA GLEN RACES - Picnic atmosphere. Inspection of "House of Bottles" at Kinglake. We meet with the Members and Ladies of Doncaster and Wonthaggi Probus Clubs for an interesting day at the races. At present just sufficient to fill coach, emergency required. Cost \$12.00: includes Coach, Inspection, Entry to races and B.B.Q. Lunch. Depart: 7.30 a.m. from Strath. Community Centre, Crook Street. (Please bring some Card Tables and Chairs).

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH, 1989: "TRIP TO RICH RIVER & POKIES". Depart Strath Community Complex, Crook Street at 9.30 a.m. Arrive Rich River 11.00 a.m. Depart Rich River 3.00 p.m., arrive Bendigo 4.30 p.m. Cost: \$3.00/person: Includes Coach Fare & 3 Course Lunch. Coach Capacity (45) at present fully booked. If sufficient emergencies (consideration would be given to running an extra 18 seater Air Conditioned Minis Bus with same cost/conditions applying). (PAYMENTS AT MEETING TODAY PLEASE).

MAY 23RD TO MAY 31ST: MERIMBULA-CANBERRA-WAGGA 9 DAY/8 NIGHT HOULDENS OF BENDIGO. Modern Coach: Overnight Sale, 3 nights Merimbula, 3 Nights Canberra, 1 night Wagga. Those who have booked and paid their deposits are reminded that payment in full is required by March 23rd at Houldens of Bendigo. (Total cost \$465/person). Itineraries will be issued to those who have booked when available. Coach fully booked - emergency listing at present 10 No.

SINGAPORE-HONG KONG: POSSIBLE TRIP: Mid to late August, 1989. Current expressions of interest (17 persons), would require more to register an interest to warrant proceeding further. (Details in February "Probe").

ALF AND DOLL GRIERSON are loud in their praise of the Wallaby Tour which they won at our Christmas night, as Alf reports:

"Travelling on a 49-seat coach mounted on airbags with no springs whatsoever made riding very comfortable.

Coach Captain and Guide, HAROLD BARKLA and Hostess, Mrs. RUTH KNIGHT were friendly and co-operative which made our trip pleasant all through. Name tags made it possible for us to get to know each other.

We found that the trip was of a promotional nature as two people from various bodies such as Probus made up the passenger list. Starting from the Bendigo Post Office at 9.50 am the coach picked up people at Elmore, Rochester and Kyabram and we had morning tea at Mooroopna then proceeded to Benalla and Wangaratta where each passenger received a very nice lunch in a plastic container.

At Beechworth we drove around for an hour and heard many interesting stories like the one about the local MP who had gold horse-shoes fitted to his horse to impress the voters!

On to Yackandandah for more interesting stories related by coach captain Harold then to Mitta Mitta through the Kiwa and Mitta Mitta Valleys to Lake Dartmouth.

Here we were allotted very comfortable units with all conveniences in delightful surroundings. Punch and savouries preceded a beautiful dinner of entree, trout or beef and desserts accompanied by the usual Bubbly.

During the meal we were treated to entertainment by various members of the Lake staff assisted by a good band playing music that we could enjoy so we were encouraged to get up and dance; all in all a lovely night.

Next day we inspected the Dam site where the staff donated Champagne to commemorate St. Valentine's Day - a special treat for the Ladies.

After morning tea at Tallangatta we travelled to Yarrawonga via Wodonga where we had lunch then home to Bendigo where a gift was made to the coach captain and hostess for the co-operation and assistance given to us all.

After enjoying this trip I would strongly recommend Wallaby Tours to our club members particularly because of the efficient and friendly way in which it was conducted. We had a lovely trip. ALF GRIERSON.

"THE MOVING FINGER WRITES - and having writ moves on". So sayeth the

et.
The particular digital extremity which activates my tripe-writer has writ for the past four years and produced 43 issues of 'Probe' and it is now time to move on! This is my last issue as Editor.

Your new Editor is KEN COLES who volunteered (?) for the job. Actually, in boxing parlance he failed to duck, hesitated before saying NO, and so had the King's Shilling pressed into his reluctant palm.

Ken recently retired from an academic and administrative career at the local College of Knowledge, better known as the BCAE. He will prove an excellent choice.

My monthly chore in the production of 'Probe' has been a source of pleasure to me and if I have in some measure dispensed a modicum of entertainment to you, the reader, I will feel rewarded for the effort.

I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Ken as our new editor and we look forward keenly to the first issue of the 'New Look' Probe.

As my Swan Song I would like to repeat some verses which I wrote for my last issue of the Rotary Bulletin:

In the magic of the theatre, when your act is done
And the falling curtain isolates your fears
You wonder how you went, and if you entertained the fans
And how you'll be recalled in coming years.

The audience applauded - they were polite enough
But there must have been some dissidents out there
Who found your act distasteful and lacking in aplomb
And felt sometimes it seemed to get nowhere

You cannot please them all, it's true, and you can only try
And if, by chance, success came only sparse
You are grateful that support came even from the very few
When failure could have made your act a farce.

As the next act takes the Boards you say a silent prayer
And you mutter to him, "All the best - old son"
You're glad your war is over - now you can take a rest
And hope, for you, the battle has been won.

Cheers! RVB.

THE VICTORY WAS OURS! In the best tradition of the grand old game of Bowls our intrepid warriors vanquished the enemy on the battlefield of Golden Square, scoring overall 61 to 43 points.

Winning Rink, with a devastating score of 20 to 6 was Skipper JOE O'SULLIVAN, EDDIE HOGAN, PETER GOODRICH and GRAHAM CHEATLEY.

Real winners, however, were the Ladies of the Golden Square Bowls Club who slaved over hot stoves to provide a morning tea of exceptional quality.

Thanks, Ladies, and thanks to Golden Square Bowls Club for a morning of fellowship for all who attended.

CANTON CAPERS: If you see a fellow-Probian attired in garments of rich embroidery like a mobile tapestry with a plumed head-gear crowning a lengthy pigtail you can be sure that he attended our last film morning. If he is loud in his praise of subgum chicken chow min or succulent sweet and sour pork the chances are good that he also attended the luncheon at the House of Khong.

In what was the best attended film morning ever both theatrette and the restaurant were nicely filled. An added bonus for us was the fellowship enjoyed with members of the Sandhurst and Eaglehawk Clubs and their ladies.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable morning.