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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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GUEST SPEAKER : I am reliably informed that no arrangement has been made to provide a speaker for this meeting. I assume that memories of the very brief period allowed for Denham Grierson to address us after the 1990 Annual Meeting are the reasons.

I have rarely been clever enough to remember any of the wise sayings of the last two Presidents - and there have been some good ones - but for those who missed this one, I quote President Gordon; "A wise man has his afterthoughts first".

Also from the "Quotable Quote" department - Pres. Gordon, when listing those who may have been ill - "We haven't seen Member X for a couple of meetings." Response from Member X - "Perhaps that's because I haven't been here!"

Are you having problems with your water? Will you be - or are you now - a "Wally with Water"? If your answer to either of these questions is in the affirmative you should have been present to hear GEOFF MICHEL - Manager of Planning Services for the Rural Water Commission in Bendigo.

Geoff, who addressed the February meeting, explained the relationship between our need to conserve water and the introduction of tariff reforms as proposed by the R.W.C.

The Coliban System - our supply - is one of 9 systems under the control of the R.W.C., and is currently responsible for the supply of water to 80,000 people and 2,000 irrigation properties.

The Coliban System, which was started in the 1860's is based on reservoirs on the Upper Coliban River and the Eppalock Reservoir on the Campaspe.

The system is committed to supply 42,000 megalitres per annum - to urban users (18,000), rural users (15,000) while the remaining 9,000 is lost through various means.

Currently urban users are taking 21,000 megalitres.

If as anticipated in the 2020 Study the population of the greater Bendigo area is to grow to 130,000 the R.W.C. would have to either increase the size of the Upper Coliban storages - at great cost - or take more water from Eppalock to the detriment of other commitments.

One possible solution is to encourage users to use water more efficiently. The methods currently being promoted to achieve this end include - Don't Be A Wally program - a pamphlet listing 16 ways to save water - and a change in the "rating" system to ensure that the "User Pays Principle" is applied.

It is currently envisaged that urban users will pay a fixed service fee plus a fixed rate for each kilolitre used. It is believed that such a system would encourage us to reduce our consumption to a level comparable to the average usage in cities such as Melbourne and Adelaide. If this could be achieved the need to increase storage at great cost may be avoided.

GEOFF was introduced by his father RALPH MICHEL and thanked by BILL JACKA who made the usual presentation.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH. 1991 - COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS PICNIC AT BENDIGO RACE COURSE (Gates Open at 11.00a.m.)

A joint venture organised by the Combined Probus Clubs of Bendigo, Sandhurst, Ladies and Eaglehawk. Invitations have been extended to Castlemaine, Echuca and Maryborough Probus Clubs.

ALL IS TO BE ON A "BRING YOUR OWN" BASIS. That is foodstuffs, drinks, own B.B.Q. utensils, etc. **NO ADMISSION CHARGE.** A great opportunity for fellowship, to make new and renew old friendships.

****PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS COMBINED PROBUS FUNCTION****

TUESDAY APRIL 23RD. TRIP TO MELBOURNE -

CONDUCTED TOUR OF FOUR 'N' TWENTY PIES

(Departs 8.30 a.m.) Maximum to travel : 40 **Cost : \$10.00 per person.** Includes coach fare and tour of "Four 'N' Twenty" (1½ hrs), they will provide an afternoon tea comprising their products, plus tea, coffee, etc. "Four 'N' Twenty request : All be abled bodied, no walking sticks. (Will call at High Point West)

Vacancies Exist and emergencies also required. **PAYMENT TODAY PLEASE.**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH. MAY TRIP TO MELBOURNE - CONDUCTED TOURS OF
RADIO AUSTRALIA & LEADER GROUP - SUBURBAN NEWSPAPERS**

(Maximum 45 persons) **Estimated Cost : \$10.00 per person.** Includes coach fare and admissions. B.Y.O. lunch. As Radio Australia can only take a maximum of 23 people on a conducted tour, a second tour has been arranged with Leader Newspapers (who print all suburban newspapers). Half of coach will tour Radio Australia in morning whilst other half tours Leader Newspapers. We will meet for lunch and effect a change over for afternoon tours.

These tours should prove of great interest to our membership, they have been difficult to arrange, I seek the support of Probians to ensure a Full Coach.

LIST TABLED TODAY - PAYMENTS AT APRIL MEETING

THURSDAY JULY 11TH. "THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SHOW"

(Maximum 48) **Venue :** World Congress Centre, Melbourne. Refreshments available for purchase. **Estimated Cost : \$13.00 per person.** Includes coach and entry.

A "First" this Science Show is not to be missed, it will draw together in a single and integrated forum many of Australia's most important science based corporations. Demonstrations, plus over 100 exhibits.

Currently (40) bookings - VACANCIES EXIST - PAYMENT MAY MEETING.

TUESDAY 12TH. NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 17TH. NOVEMBER

TOUR OF THE YEAR : TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS/LAKE EUCUMBENE

(Maximum 45) 6 Days/5 Nights - **\$383.00.** Includes coach fare, accommodation, all meals, morning and afternoon tea, supper, light entertainment, entrances. Staying at Providence Lodge (via Adaminaby NSW) - a typical mountain lodge in a superb setting on shore of Lake Eucumbene. Excellent day trips. A "Value For Money" trip - should prove to be most interesting, enjoyable and relaxing trip. LIST TABLED TODAY.

I HAVE TENTATIVELY BOOKED FOR THESE DATES AND MUST GIVE A POSITIVE REPLY FOLLOWING OUR MEETING.

(Cost based on a minimum of 40 travelling)

PLEASE GIVE THIS SERIOUS THOUGHT PRIOR TO MEETING.

As members are aware the March meeting is our Annual Meeting and a number of Motions are to be considered. (See February Probe.)

Another Notice of Motion that I regard as a "bread and butter" one has been properly received by the Secretary and will be included in the A.G.M. Agenda.

ROBERT HOLMES/RAY DOWNEY give Notice of Motion that at the Annual Meeting 1991, they will move the following Motion to amend the Club Constitution.

Paragraph Management - Sub-Paragraph (f) Presently reads :

"The Management Committee has power to appoint sub-committees."

*** Substitute to read ... "The Management Committee has power to appoint sub-committees, propose by-laws in conformity with the Constitution of the Club, and to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club."

NOTE : Any member wishing to debate any part of the above Motion or the previously published Motions is encouraged to bring their copies of "Probe" (both February and March issues) to the A.G.M. please.

APOLOGY :

I would like to record an apology to ALAN DINGLE. For the first time while I have been Editor of this publication I suffered the embarrassment of too much material for the February issue. I omitted one major report - Alan's detailed account of the 3-day trip to Geelong of November, 1990.

It is far too late to report on the Geelong shopping area being festooned for Christmas - but perhaps non-participants should be aware that a poultry farm at Meredith and the coastal resorts of south-western Victoria are still worth a visit.

Also, as Alan reported - the Lidgerwood's have a baby daughter (Sorry for omitting this Report Alan)

As this is my last Probe I would sincerely thank all who have contributed articles as required - particularly trip reports and profiles. A special thank you to Arthur Eaton. I believe it should be recorded that I have never had to either wait for his contribution or alter a single detail - thanks Arthur - I know that you will look after my successor also.

Finally I would like to iterate the belief that I expressed in a very early issue; the fellowship available through Probus could be greatly enhanced if we knew more of the interests and activities of members.

Best wishes to your new Editor.
