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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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GUEST SPEAKER As this is the Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club there will be no Guest Speaker, but two of our members will give short autobiographical talks, time permitting.

The Guest Speaker at the February meeting was Ken Briggs, making a return visit. Ray Downey introduced Ken who this time was talking about his experiences as a member of a Rotary work party in Western Samoa, whose task was construction of a cyclone proof building.

Cyclone Belle hit Samoa in 1991, with hurricane winds up to 140 k.p.h., followed by enormous waves. As Samoa is a relatively poor country, help was needed, which is where Rotary came in.

The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand made the start, providing the materials, in kit form, and building the first of the shelters. The buildings have a strong timber frame, cross braced with galvanised straps and standing on a poured concrete base. The buildings are not large, about the size of a garage.

The Bendigo Rotary team consisted of four, and they were aided by the locals and children from the senior classes of the local school, girls included.

After the talk Ken Briggs was thanked by Geoff Biles and received the usual Probus mug.

TRIPS INFORMATION FOR MARCH 1994.

Friday March 18th: Combined Probus Clubs Picnic Hepburn Springs Assemble Hepburn Springs at 11.00 a.m. - BYO Food, Drink and Chairs.
Coach cost is $5.00 per person. Maximum 49 - Current 37. Depart Strath Community Centre at 10.00 a.m. and arrive home at approx. 5.00 p.m. ***For those taking own car, a "Coach conducted tour of the Daylesford-Hepburn Springs area" available at a charge of $2-$3 per person. ***Vacancies for 12 persons on this trip, list at meeting.***

Tuesday April 26th: Trip to Toolangi-Central Highland Forest. $25.00 per person. Depart 7.30 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street.

Tour Guide is Brian Garth, former Forest Ranger/Education Officer with extensive knowledge of the Central Highland rain-forest area.

Travel via Kilmore, Whittlesea, Kinglake areas to the picturesque forest hamlet of Toolangi. First stop is at Arden the singing gardens of Poet C.J. Dennis, we stay here for a Devonshire Tea, recital and view the gardens. During the remainder of the day we have much to discover and learn of forest and timber management, biology of our native plants and animals. We visit Demby Timber Mill, stroll on an elevated board walk beside Sylvia Creek and learn why rain forests are unique. We have our B.B.Q. lunch at the spectacular Murrindindi Cascades. Then on to see more of this beautiful rainforest.

The cost of $25 per person includes coach, admissions, devonshire tea and B.B.Q. lunch. Payments to be finalised at meeting. Maximum 49 - Current 65.

TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994 - Sunday September 18th to Saturday September 24th. (7 day/6 night) Based on Wagga 5 nights and Canberra 1 night. Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival.
The cost is $420 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation D.B.B., morning and afternoon teas and entry fees.
Sunday: to Wagga, Monday: tours, Wagga area, Tuesday: to Canberra (O/night at Canberra), Wednesday: tours, Canberra and return to Wagga, Thursday: tour to either Temora or Cowra area, Friday: tour to Narrandera/Leeton, Saturday: depart Wagga for home. **A beauty - don't miss out.** Maximum 46 - Current 52. Emergencies required - open to friends.

"An opportunity":- Steam Train - Vintage Rail Trip - Bendigo - Echuca either Saturday June 11th or Sunday June 12th, 1994. (Famous Loco R.707).

The cost is approx. $30 per person. Numbers flexible - no minimum or maximum. The cost includes train fare, coach transfers and entry to famous Echuca "Annual Steam Engine Rally". List at March Meeting. Expressions of interest.

Arthur Eaton,
Trips Liaison.

A PRESIDENT'S GOODBYE

As my term of office comes to an end, and I won't meet everyone on Wednesday, I take this opportunity to thank all members of Bendigo Probus for allowing me the privilege of being your President. For me it has been an enjoyable year and I hope it has been for you also. As we welcome our new President Jim, we confidently look forward to another year of good fellowship during our times together.

Colin.

BOWLS REPORT

The District Probus Championship was this year won by Sandhurst, Bendigo Probus was placed 3rd, but at least they will not be the organisers next year. There were six Probus teams competing, with 96 players.

VALE

This month we have to record the passing of Arthur Rogers at the age of 79. Arthur was one of the Foundation Members of Bendigo Probus Club.

.....ON A HAPPIER NOTE..... Ken and Meryl Proud celebrated their Golden Wedding recently, congratulations.

.....Ken Burch was honoured by the Borough of Eaglehawk. In recognition of his service to the community, in many ways, a Civic Lunch was held. Ken has been a member of the Borough Council and was mayor for a term.

.....The Inaugural Meeting of a new Probus Club will be held on March 22nd. The new club is White Hills.

REMINDER

As is noted on the first page of this publication, the March meeting is the Annual General Meeting.

Committee members are reminded that the committee meeting is called for 8.45 a.m.

By all published facts of the case,
Children belong to the human race.
Equipped with consciousness, passions, pulse,
They even grow up to become adults.
So why is the resemblance, moral or mental,
Of children to people so coincidental.

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

A decision is what a man makes when he can't get anyone to serve on a committee.

When a person tells you "I'll think it over and let you know" - you know.

LAWS OF GARDENING

(i) Other people's tools work only in other people's gardens
(ii) Fancy gizmos don't work
(iii) If nobody uses it there's a reason
(iv) You get the most of what you need the least

I've had enough of gardening, I'm just about ready to throw in the trowel!

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

I don't believe the half I hear,
Nor the quarter of what I see!
But I have one faith, sublime and true,
That nothing can shake or slay;
Each spring I finally believe anew
All the seed catalogues say.