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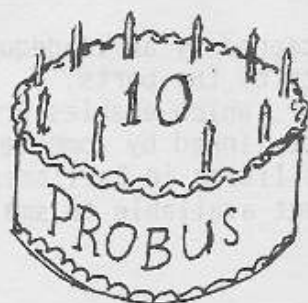
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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
PROBUS  
10 YEARS OLD



Ten years ago the Probus Club of Bendigo was born, Ray Downey being the father and obstetrician. The infant was strong and healthy and has thrived throughout those ten years. During this time we have had our monthly meetings with guest and resident speakers from many professions and occupations, doctors of medicine, doctors of philosophy, soldiers and policemen, journalists and politicians, the list could be prolonged. I estimate that we have had 104 speeches, but some speakers have made more than one appearance, all arrangements were made by Ray Downey.

On the foundation of the club a Tours Organiser was appointed, and the same member, Arthur Eaton, is still filling this officer. So far the number of trips completed is 104, with four more already poised on the starting blocks. At this time we will not attempt a summary, but a more complete account will follow in a later edition.

For some of the members the principal activity arising from the club has been bowls. Teams have played against local bowls clubs and with other Probus clubs. There has also been some activity on the golf course.

After its first ten years we may confidently expect the Probus Club of Bendigo to give entertainment, enjoyment and fellowship to its members and their partners and friends.

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As we have the Annual General Meeting today there will be no Guest Speaker.

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The Guest Speaker in February was the Hon. Bruce Reid MHR, Member for Bendigo. He was introduced by Val Moyle, and he spoke on the subject Australia, the way forward.

Starting with a few comparative statistics, contrasting the present position (1994) with that in 1984, he showed the decline in the economy which has occurred; we are living beyond our means. For every \$100 dollars earned overseas we are spending \$106. Small business in particular is in trouble mainly because of Capital Gains Tax, yet this could be the chief area in which the unemployment rate might be reduced. Employee shares was suggested as a form of solution.

Primary industry is handicapped by an inadequate transport structure, and by the inefficiency of the ports.

The "Communication Highway", which enables Bruce's offices in Bendigo and in Canberra to be linked by computer, with fax available and enabling the library facilities in Parliament House to be tapped, is not in this kind of respect available to small businesses in Bendigo.

An area of serious shortcoming in Australia is Research and Development which lags behind that in the rest of the Western World.

A final observation concerned the Monarchy versus Republic debate. The Sovereign appoints the Governor General on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, but the G.G. is not in any way bound to a political party. On the other hand a president would be tied to one of the political parties; his role could not be independent.

The thanks of the meeting were expressed by Jock Crook, who presented the speaker with the usual memento.

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On a bright sunny morning on 23rd February (Specially ordered by Arthur) a bus full of Probians and friends left on time for a trip to Shepparton.

Our first visit was to the Ardmona depot where we were able to purchase canned fruit, fruit juices etc..

We then went to the Equestrian Centre where, after having morning tea under the trees, we moved into a special indoor arena with comfortable seating and listened to the owner Mr Gough give an informative and interesting narrative about the establishment. This prepared us to witness performances by well trained Spanish Andalusian Dancing Horses who performed to music under the guidance of well disciplined young ladies who we were told, guided the horses by a slight shift in the saddle or by leg pressure. No verbal messages were given to the horses. We were privileged to witness performances by the recently acclaimed Australian Equestrian Woman of the Year, the daughter of the owner of the 23 hectare property. There were a few competitions and most of the prizes were products of the gardens - one prize was a special garden energiser.

Next stop was the Shepparton International Village where we had lunch and were then taken on an escorted tour on a Motor-train consisting of a prime mover and two trailers all fitted with a P.A. System. The planning for the Park commenced in 1976 and it was opened in 1979. It is owned and operated by the Council. We saw examples of life in many countries. To do the park justice one needs to spend at least half a day there.

We then went to Campbell's Soups and their 'door sales' complex where most of us purchased a few varieties of tasty soup.

Our final stop was at the 'Fruit Connection' by the Midland Highway between Shepparton and Mooroopna. This is a comparatively new project where young people not able to cope with the normal school curriculum are given special training in Arts and Crafts and Food Preparation and Presentation. Patrons can enjoy a mid-day meal and/or morning and afternoon tea. The young people concerned were a credit to the program, their tutors and themselves.

Once again we must thank Arthur for his meticulous planning.

On reflection I realize Shepparton is a different type of city from Bendigo. Most of the houses we saw were built post war to a planned setting where many of the projects are using locally produced items for commercial and tourist purposes.

It made me realize we in Bendigo have an historical heritage that we should be marketing to our advantage and to the enjoyment and benefit of our visitors.

Thelma and Alan Dingle.

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**TRIPS INFORMATION - FRIDAY MARCH 17TH - COMBINED PROBUS CLUBS'**

**PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK.** (Maximum 49) Current (54). Depart: 9.15 a.m. and arrive home approx. 5.00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00/person. BYO picnic lunch, collapsable table/chairs. 10.30 a.m. Registration, and fellowship. 12 noon: Roll Call of Clubs; 1.00 p.m. - Entertainment etc. Finish 3-3.30 p.m.

Our Annual Combined Picnic Day. An enjoyable outing is assured. Kiosk : Cool drinks etc. Please finalise payment March 15th meeting.

**TUESDAY MARCH 21ST - TRIP TO ROYAL MELBOURNE ZOO.**

Maximum (49) Current (69) Depart 8.00 a.m. and arrive home approx. 6.00 p.m. This trip is timed to co-incide with Senior Citizens activities in Melbourne.

We visit the Zoo, where at 11.00 a.m., there is a free concert by the R.A.A.F. Central Band at the Rotunda. Afterwards wander around and see some of the 350 kinds of animals from around the world. On this same day there is a Senior Citizens Expo in Melbourne Town Hall - 50 exhibitors. Entry to Zoo is free on this day (Bring your Victorian Seniors Card) Full Cost: \$11.00/person for coach, (BYO Picnic lunch). Please finalise payment March 15th.

**VICTORIAN SENIORS CARDS-** If you do not already have a Seniors Card, application forms are available at Official Post Offices.

**THURSDAY APRIL 27TH 1995 - TRIP TO DONALD**

Depart at 8.00 a.m. Home 6.00 p.m. Maximum (49) Current (51)

**\*\*Additional Emergencies Required\*\*** Donald welcomes Clubs to visit for an exciting and interesting trip. A fun filled day with inspections of local industries and direct to public sales, under guidance of local hostess Mrs Janet Wood. First visit Kooka's Country Cookies factory, inspection, free coffee and tasting of biscuits. Visit Maxwell's "old style bakery". Take your own Picnic lunch. Donald inspection tour is free. Full Cost : \$11.00/person. Please finalise payment March 15th.

# THURSDAY MAY 18TH - TRIP AROUND GUNN'S SWAMP

Maximum (49) Current (59) Depart 8.15 a.m. and arrive home approx. 6.00 p.m. An interesting and enjoyable trip is assured. We first travel to Waranga Basin Caravan Park for morning tea, then on to "Tatura German War Cemetery" (Tour and Guide) Visit Dhuringil Homestead/Prison (Tour and Talk); Passing Goulburn Weir to Chateau Tahbilk for a Tour, Wine Tasting, and afternoon tea. Cost : \$20.00 approx./person which includes coach, tours, packed lunch, morning and afternoon teas. Payments due March 15th Meeting.

Arthur Eaton,  
(Tours Liaison)

## BOWLS

Teams for Bendigo and District Probus Clubs Bowls Championships at Bendigo East Bowls Club on March 28; arrival time 10.00 a.m.

D. Opie  
A. Eaton  
A. Morris  
H. Hesse (Sk)

J. Kelly  
P. Goodrich  
E. Hogan  
R. Marslen (Sk)

J. Rose  
K. Gloster  
W. Winzar  
F. O'Connell (Sk)

E. Driscoll  
A. Court  
B. Clemens  
A. Clough (Sk)



## YOUR NEW PRESIDENT - MAURICE PEASE

One of the fascinations of life can be speculation on the effect of each significant experience on later life.

The pattern of MAURICE PEASES'S early life was not all that different to that experienced by many others. Maurie was born at Drouin and his family shifted to Geelong when he was 6. While living in Geelong he attended Geelong Grammar School and later took a step that is far more common in the 1980's than it was 50 years earlier - he continued on to tertiary education to complete his pharmacy qualification early in 1940.

On completion of his course Maurie enlisted in the Army as a qualified pharmacist and was appointed to the large training camp at Darley - near Bacchus Marsh. His next, and only other posting was to the Australian Hospital Ship "Wanganella" on which vessel he served for 4½ years until his discharge early in 1946. We are left to speculate on his experiences during this period but it is significant that Maurie has been an active member of Legacy for 40 years.

Maurie has also been active in church affairs and undertaken numerous roles over a long period. Of particular note has been his commitment to the development of St. Laurence Court. He has been Chairman of the Board of Management for 20 years and suggests that he should relinquish that position before he needs to live there.

Maurie's first attempt to marry his wife Doreen was thwarted by the sudden necessity to sail and the wedding was thus delayed until May 1942.

Doreen lived in Geelong during the war and they lived there until Maurie bought the business formerly owned by W.L. Williams. Pease's Pharmacy was a landmark in Hargreaves Street until 1974. Maurie and Doreen are the proud parents of 3 married children and have 7 grandchildren.

Maurie has played cricket with BUCCs, enjoys a round of golf, and along with one daughter is an avid supporter of the Geelong football club.

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