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## **Because this is the Annual General Meeting of the club there is no Guest Speaker.**

Our Guest Speaker at the last meeting was Fay Thomas. She was introduced by President Alan.

Before speaking on the main topic Fay, who is involved with the running of the Bendigo Competitions, gave us some facts about it notably that this year is the 80th celebration. There are more than 8 weeks of competition and it all needs a large force of judges, organisers and so on. Bendigo City gives support to the work. Volunteers are needed for work as ticket collectors and so on.

The main topic of the talk was then introduced, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. Alzheimer's is not a normal stage of the process of ageing, but is a progressive degenerative disease that affects the brain. Dementia is an all over cover term for a series of illnesses, including Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's is one of the most common, others include Vascular Dementia and Alcohol Dementia. In Alzheimer's disease brain cells die and there is so far no effective treatment, but some advances are being made in medical treatment.

People in their 40's and 50's can succumb to some forms of dementia, but frequency increases with advancing age; 1 person in 8 over 65 may develop dementia and it is 1 person in 4 over 80.

There may be a genetic component in dementia, about a third of people with Alzheimer's have a close relative who has, or has had, dementia, but it occurs relatively frequently in the elderly, regardless of family history.

With Alzheimer's, while there are several conditions which are indicative of the

disease, real confirmation only can be made by a post mortem examination of the brain. The thanks of the members were offered by Len Hodren, who made the usual presentation.

## VALE

With regret we have to record the death of our member, Peter Bath.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Today's meeting starts at 9.30 am, but in April we shall revert to a start at 10am.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best Wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months....

### APRIL 2005

3	Vic Canobie	83	19	<del>Col Turner</del>	<del>80</del>
8	Ian Bennett	80	20	Tom Iser	86
11	Ron McCulloch	82	21	Eddie Hogan	80
12	Les Nankivell	88	23	Geoff Biles	77
13	Len Roy	81	28	Warren Winzar	78
15	Ed Trewartha	84			

### May 2005

9	Norm Dack	78
13	Alan Stephens	82
14	Bruce Michelsen	74
19	Peter Goodrich	80
29	Bill Redmond	78

Congratulations to all of above. **Note:** If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

## TREASURER'S NOTES

As members are aware the Annual Meeting of the Bendigo Probus Club (Inc.) will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

One of the matters to be decided then will be the fee structure for the coming year. As the changes implemented in 2004 have restored our finances to a sounder position, it is my intention to move that there be no change made to the current structure. The membership fee will remain at \$25 and attendance fee \$3 per meeting.

On the assumption that this will be accepted I would that all who come to the March meeting pay their annual subscription on attendance.

**The team to play at Woodbury on March 24, 2005, 9.30 start.**

**Casual dress. 2 bowl triples.**

G. Glover	Z. Hughes	H. Hesses (Sk)
M. McDonald	W. Redmond	P. Bath (Sk)
D. Laity	R. Fitzgerald	E. Hogan (Sk)
W. Winzar	W. Clemens	F. O'Connell (Sk)
E. Trewartha	J. Kelly	A. Court (Sk)

Emerg. E. Driscoll, L. Roy, A. Eaton.

Combined Probus Championship Shield Bowls Event. Hosted by Bendigo Probus Club (Inc).

On Thursday 17, 160 bowlers had a very pleasant days bowls, with ample food and prizes. The weather was ideal and the greens were in top condition, every one arrived and the day went without a hitch.

The winner of the probus shield was, Sandhurst with 9 wins and 43 shots up. Runner-up was Mt Alexander with 9 wins and 24 shots up.

Bendigo Probus club won A Division with the team of, R. Flanagan, L. Roy, T. Rhoderick and H. Hesse.

*R. Fitzgerald - Bowls Co-ordinator.*



## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

### - GIPPSLAND TOUR:

**Tues 3rd May to Thurs 5th May, 2005. (3 Days/2Nights) Staying in Morwell. Maximum: (46). Cost based on Minimum of (35) Current Bookings: (53)**

**Cost: \$250 per person, Twin Share.** (If single room requested **Single Supplement \$60**)

**Includes:** All coach Travel, Dinner, Bed, Continental Breakfast & Lunches, Some drinks, All Entrance Fees, Local Tour Guide & Devonshire Tea on Day (3)

**Day 1: Tuesday 3rd May 2005** We travel via the Princes Highway, stop at Bunyip for M/T then on to Criterion Hotel at Trafalgar for a "Special Lunch" with a Cooking demonstration which you will enjoy. Wine, juice, tea, coffee included. Here we meet our Guide Val Murphy and tour the Potato farming area of Thorpdale with a visit to Val's Garden where we taste her speciality Potato Ice Cream. From here on to Morwell where we stay for the next two nights.

**Day 2: Wednesday 4th May.** Our first visit is to the historic gold mining town of Walhalla where we take a Scenic Ride on the Goldfield's Railway Train through fern tree gullies enjoying the beauty of the bush and river scenery. We then enjoy a Picnic lunch after which we continue touring the Walhalla area, with a stopover in Erica. Dinner tonight is at Moe after which we return to our Motel for a night of fun and games (organised by our guide Val.)

**Day 3: Thursday 5th May.** After a nice breakfast we begin our journey homewards. Our first port of call to the beautiful gardens in Morwell after which we travel to Mirboo North and visit the "Erinea" Lavender Farm where we have a guided tour of the gardens, drying sheds and enjoy Beverley's home made and grown Devonshire tea. We have a 2 Course Lunch at the Mirboo North Hotel. Time permitting we will visit the Narracan Water Falls. Then homeward bound arriving Bendigo late afternoon..

**After an excellent Canberra Trip** the travellers on that trip requested I organise a 3 Day/2 Night Trip "suited to the needs of our mature age group", our Coach Captain to be the popular and caring Neville

**Deposits:** Of \$5.00 per person were due for payment at meeting Wed 16th February.

**Balance of Payments:** Due at meeting Wednesday 16th March.

**By Cheque made out to Probus Club of Bendigo please.**

### STAGE LIVE SHOW - MAMMA MIA - IN MELBOURNE - AT HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

**\*\* Possible Dates: Wednesday 1st or Wednesday 8th June.**

**\*\* If sufficient interest shown, then I will arrange a date \*\* Travel would be by Bendigo Coachlines.**

**\*\* How many would be interested in attending a Wed. Afternoon 2.00pm Matinee Performance ??**

**\*\* Possible Dates: Wednesday 1st or Wednesday 8th June.**

**\*\* Payments in full: would be required at April Meeting.**

**\*\* If interested., please place your name on a list at meeting on Wed. 16th March.**

**COST: For Senior or Pensioner Card Holders: (Minimum 21 persons) - \$79.00 per person (Minimum 48 persons) - \$77.00 per person**

**BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB: A DAY AT THE RACES IN BENDIGO  
THURSDAY 19TH MAY, 2005**

*Cost: \$27.00 per person Minimum of (10 persons.)*

*Package Includes: Silkes Members Lounge, Two Course Luncheon & Afternoon Tea, Entrance to Race Course, Race Book, Own Table for duration of the Race Meeting, Air Conditioned room, Full Tote Facilities, best view of the Race Track and*

**LIST:** At meeting Wed. March 16th. **PAYMENTS:** At meeting Wed 20th April.

**\*\* I seek the support of members to ensure that we have sufficient bookings for each of the outings arranged.**

*Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton. For inquiries telephone Arthur: 5443 9162*

**REPORT: FRIDAY 4th FEB. 2005 4.30pm to 8.00pm**

**FILM EVENING BY ROB & CYNTHIA WATKINS.**

Approximately 100 people mainly comprised of members & partners of the Probus Club of Bendigo, Bendigo Ladies, Golden Square, Spring Gully & Strathdale Probus Clubs together with friends of Probus, were privileged to witness the excellent Slide Film Presentation, organised, presented and narrated by Rob & Cynthia Watkins which covered their past overseas travels through sections of America, Canada & Alaska, also Europe & Scandinavia. Their transport being by a Motor Vehicle which they purchased and used throughout their travels. Films were shown in Air Conditioned comfort in the Circular Lecture Theatre of the Latrobe University and a BYO Tea Break (5.30pm to 7.00pm) in the Air Conditioned Student Union Dining Area.

During the Film showing from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, we were treated to a spectacular showing of pictures taken during their travels in Canada, Alaska and America, covering many of the National Parks of each. There was an amazing array of pictures of breathtaking scenery of mountains, glaciers, lakes, forests, vegetation and the large variety of animal life which abounds (both large and small.)

Our film journey took us from Alaska in the North to the American/Mexican Border in the South. During the second part of the presentation from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, we were treated to a kaleidoscope of scenery and items of interest in Denmark, Germany, Austria, the French Alps and finally the Greek Islands, all equally as spectacular as the first segment.

On this occasion our Film Travels commenced in Denmark, then on through Germany, Austria, the French Alps and finally to the Greek Islands. We viewed the Ancient Village of Rhobe, its buildings dating back to the early 1600's. In Germany our travels covered a large section of the Mosel River to where it met the Rhine, then on to part of the Danube, there were many spectacular Castles & Abbeys, one being King Ludwig's Castle which so inspired Walt Disney that he built a replica in America. In scenic Bavaria we were shown pictures Hitler's underground bunker - his wartime H.Q. We witnessed spectacular views of Mt. Blanc and Autumn scenes in the French Alps and areas between the French town of Chamonix to the French Riviera. A fitting finale to the showing was of sections of the Greek Islands, first Santorini, a huge volcanic caldron occupied by sea, the buildings were all made of concrete and were very colourful, many situated overlooking sheer drops to the sea below. Finally we viewed sections of the Greek Islands of Naxos and Paros.

President Alan Court welcomed all in attendance at commencement of proceedings and at the conclusion of the Film Presentation, **on behalf of all, thanked Rob & Cynthia for a most enjoyable, interesting, informative and First Class Film Evening. Thank you Cynthia & Rob for a memorable evening. Author: Arthur Eaton.**