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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**This month we have the Annual General Meeting,
so there will be no Guest Speaker.**

We had no Guest Speaker last month either, the reason why is revealed below. Instead several members gave short talks based on the experiences.

Speaker February Meeting

When I contacted Steven Young for non appearance, his reply was "Sorry I forgot". He had family problems at the time and will now speak later in the year.

Barry

Reminder To All Members

We had various speakers throughout the year that are in retail business both professional and commercial and as they were good enough to donate their time please remember to keep them in mind if you require such services.

July 2005 Mr Stephen Lindsay, Urologist - Ph: 5434 3390

August 2005 Ron Poyser, Car Dealership - Ph: 5442 3999

October 2005 Dirk De Moore, Audiologist - Ph: 5442 5800

January 2006 John Jones, Computer Knowledge - Ph: 5442 4458

Be sure to inform them you heard them speak at our club.

OUR CLUB - OUR FUTURE

Members are aware that we are an "ageing club" with a decreasing membership!

Following a motion at the January meeting, your committee was requested to consider this problem. The Committee unanimously recommended that members should consider three options:-

- a) Become a mixed gender club
- b) Amalgamate with another male club
- c) Plan for closure - probably within 5-6 years.

After presentation of these options at the February meeting, the membership agreed to the following motion:

"That the three options be listed in the next issue of "Probe", that these be debated at the Special General Meeting in March, and that a preliminary vote be taken at that meeting with a view to probably deleting one option".

To this end a secret ballot will be held at our March meeting where members will be asked to tick only their first option.

Members unable to attend can write or phone to the secretary prior to March 14th to indicate their preference. All such communication will be in strict confidence and be included in the above mentioned ballot.

Bob Chenery (Secretary)

Annual Membership Fee

Members are reminded that the above fee is due, and payable at the meeting of March 15th. The annual fee will remain at \$25.

Foundation Members' Luncheon

We returned to the Mt Edgecombe Hotel for the February luncheon where again we had an excellent meal. The attendance was fifteen, members and wives, unfortunately Molly Rothacker was not able to be with us but those present had an enjoyable time.

The luncheon this month is at the One Tree Hill Hotel, Spring Gully, corner of Retreat Road. The time of meeting is as usual 12.15pm and the cost is \$9 with an extra \$2 for tea or coffee.

The April luncheon will be the First Anniversary, the venue to be decided at the March luncheon.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The end of the Probus year 2005/06 is now with us, it doesn't seem like a year ago since I was installed as your President. I have enjoyed the year in office and feel very privileged to have served in that capacity. I strongly recommend to members to give it a try, it isn't a hard or demanding role but a rewarding and satisfying one, particularly when one has key personnel like Secretary Bob Chenery and Treasurer Ken Coles, they both make the Presidents job very easy and at all times are only too willing to help.

February's meeting was a successful meeting with another good input from the members, the result of which may be the future of our club moving up a higher rank of fellowship and friendship. The unanimous vote as moved by Ken Coles stirred the atmosphere and hopefully, paved the way for a positive outcome for members to look forward to. Regretfully, we had a large number of members reported on the ill list, they were; Alf Ryall, Gordon Rayson, Jim Harrison, Jim Forsyth, Geoff Biles, Jack Davies, Jack Davies, Frank O'Connell, Len Roy, Ian Carter, Don Donaldson, Bob Arundell, Bob McCaskill. We trust that all are now better and enjoying improved health. Jack Davies is back in hospital after a brief spell at Holdsworth Manor and is improving in health and strength, kindest regards Jack from all your friends at Probus. Thank you all for keeping Herb Hesse and Cyril Slade informed of ill members names, please continue to do so, it is very important to report about the condition of ill members each month.

A list of suggested future club activities was briefly discussed at the February meeting, the purpose of which is to attempt to increase the activities and member participation, the proposed list is as follows;

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| 1. Theatre Group | 2. Dancing |
| 3. Gardening | 4. Card Players |
| 5. Walking Group followed by coffee | 6. Indoor Bowls |
| 7. Discussion Group | 8. Bonsai Growing |
| 9. Picnics - short car trips | 10. Fishing - water permitting |
| 11. Luncheons (with Foundation Members) | 12. Choir Group |
| 13. Share Market | 14. Wine Tasting |

The idea of this list is for each member to add to it or delete from it to you liking, but more importantly to show your support by becoming involved in one or more groups, please jot down on paper your thoughts and suggestions and pass onto Secretary Bob, thank you!

I look forward to passing the Probus Collar to incoming President Len Hodren, and ask that you support Len in the same manner that I have received in the past year and will therefore be able to look forward to a successful year ahead of us. It would be appreciated if as many members as possible attend the changeover meeting on March 15th next. If there are any members who may have difficulty in getting to the meeting, please ring me (5443 1200) and arrangements will be made to pick and return home.

Until the March 15th, kindest regards to all and families, keep well and take care.

W.B. (Bryan) Armstrong.

BOWLS REPORT

AT WOODBURY

Thursday 23rd March, 9.30am assemble for 10am start. 2 Bowl Triples, casual dress.

B. Clemens, Z. Hughes, H. Hesse (S)
D. Laity, J. Kelly, E. Waterworth (S)
J. Laidler, M. McDonald, R. Fitzgerald (s)
B. Chenery, B. Redmond, A. Court (S)

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Thursday 13th April, Bendigo Probus v Sandhurst. 9.30am assembly for 10am start. Play to bell, 2 bowl Triples, casual dress.

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B. Clemens, Z. Hughes, R. Fitzgerald (S)
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PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

TRIP TO TASMANIA

- Don't miss out on this !!

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL TO THURSDAY 4th MAY, 2005.

(9 Day/8 Nights)

COST: Pensioner Concession: \$1285; Seniors: \$1390; Adults: \$1455. Single Supplement: \$455

**** Pensioner Concession Card Numbers & (in case of Seniors Card Numbers/Birth Dates are also required.)**

Maximum to travel: (50) Current Bookings: (41) ** Vacancies: (9)

Cost Includes: Transportation Bendigo to Bendigo - Bendigo Coachlines.

Overnight Boat Trips (2 Nights) with Cabin accommodation on the boat to &

from Tasmania. Take Overnight Bag for Boat Travel each way, (Cases will remain in Coach hold.) Dinner, Bed & Cooked Breakfasts, entry to attractions as per the itinerary. Lunches on (3) days. **Note: (meals not included on the boat segment of travel.)**

Feature attractions: the famous ABT Railway trip with spectacular scenery, now world acclaimed, and also a Gordon River Cruise, **but there is much more.** "It will be a great trip with consideration being made to cater for our age group."

(41) Bookings have been received from:

I. Bennett (2), C. Binks (1), G. Bloomfield (1), B. Bruhn (1), R. Chenery (1), A. Cowling (2), A. Court (2), A. Crothers (2), A. Dingle (2), A. Eaton (2), O. Faderson (1), R. Fitzgerald (2); G. Glover (2), P. Goodrich (2), F. Himsforth (1), Z. Hughes (2), D. Laity (1), R. Barty (1), R. Michell (1), M. Miller (1), C. McLean (1), L. Nankivell (2), W. Spicer (1), D. Spicer (1), W. Winzar (1), J. White (1), I. Truscott (1), W. Truscott (1), M. Williams (1), Mary Donaldson (1).

**** Important: Balance of Payments due: At or by meeting Wed. 15th March, 2006**

**** Payment by Cheque please, made out to Probus Club of Bendigo.**

**** If in doubt of amount due for final payments, please phone Arthur: 5443 9162**

**** Updated Itineraries giving details of Departure Location/time, Motel names and telephone numbers should be available at time of final payments.**

**** Emergency Cards to complete and take with you on the trip, will be issued on 15th March.**

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