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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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There will not be Guest Speaker at the March Meeting owing to the A.G.M.

At our last meeting the Guest Speaker was Pharmacist Kevin DeVries and he was introduced to the meeting by Acting President Alec Crothers. Kevin spoke about his early days in pharmacy, working overseas etc., before settling in Bendigo 9 years ago. The main points from his talk were.

1. Check with your pharmacist or doctor before taking any new medications re possible side effects.
2. Store most medications below 30c to avoid deterioration.
3. Regular exercise and diet most important for well being.
4. Owing to advances in medication over the years the average life span is now 79 years for men and 84 years for women.
5. Don't dispose of any out of date medications down the sink or in the garage bin, but take them to the nearest pharmacy and they will dispose of them for you at no charge.

After answering questions from our members, Ken Coles thanks Kevin and made the usual presentation.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

USELESS INFORMATION

Camels have three eyelids to protect their eyes from blowing sand.
It takes about 50 hours for a snake to digest one frog.
The great wall stretches for 4,160 miles across North China.
The Eiffel Tower has 2.5 million rivets.
Jeans were named after Genoa in Italy where the first denim cloth was made.
Playing cards in India are round.
No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times.
On average 100 people choke on ball point pens every year.
Kleenex tissues were originally used as filters in gas masks.

EDITOR

In the early 1930s there was a racehorse in England which had some success; its owner was the well-known actor Tom Walls. When in 1932 it won the Derby for him, the win was very popular with the punters. I remember sitting in school on a hot afternoon in June when in came the teacher, who announced that the Derby had been won by "April the Fifth".

The name meant nothing to me, I thought possibly it was the trainers birthday. It was at least ten years later that the explanation came to me, when I started to earn a wage and became liable to pay income tax. The Income Tax year in Britain ended on April 5, so there you are.

This information itself leaves another question, why April 5th? The surprising answer is that for many centuries Britain (and the colonies when they came into existence) had the system where in the year officially began on March 25. But this is not April 5. In 1752 Britain and the colonies changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian and to put the calendar in step with the equinoxes 11 days were struck from the calendar.

September 2, 1752 was followed by September 14.

So April 5 was the Gregorian equivalent of March 25 on the Julian calendar, and has been the end of the tax year to this day.

ALEC CROTHERS

FOUNDATION MEMBERS LUNCHEON

On February 21 we ate luncheon at the RSL Club in Havilah Road, there were 21 participants. The food, the service, the atmosphere and the company were all excellent.

This month's luncheon, on March 21, will be at the same place, RSL Club, Havilah Road.

Cliff wishes to relinquish the task of organising these meetings so a replacement is needed. Think it over, and someone please take over the job.

ALEC CROTHERS

BENDIGO PROBUS AT WOODBURY

Tuesday 27th March

D. Laity	B. Clemons	M. McDonald	S
B. Redmond	B. Hargrave	H. Hesse	S
R. Chenery	Z. Hughes	C. Smith	S
A. Court	J. Kelly	F. O'Connell	S

BENDIGO PROBUS AT SANDHURST

Thursday 12th April

A. Court	Z. Hughes	R. Fitzgerald	S
R. Chenery	B. Hargrave	H. Hesse	S
D. Laity	B. Clemons	C. Smith	S
B. Redmond	M. McDonald	F. O'Connell	S

Assembly 9.30am for 10.00am start. Two Bowl Triples, play to the bell, casual dress.

RAY FITZGERALD- BOWLS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

APRIL 2007

03	Vic Canobie	86
08	Ian Bennett	82
11	Ron McCulloch	84
12	Les Nankivell	90
13	Len Roy	83
20	Tom Iser	88
23	Geoff Biles	79
29	Warren Winzar	80

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09	Norm Dack	80
13	Alan Stephens	84
14	Bruce Michelsen	76
19	Peter Goodrich	82
29	Bill Redmond	80

Congratulations to all of above, especially, Les, Warren, Norm and Bill.

Note: If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

GIPPSLAND TOUR:

MONDAY 7th MAY to WEDNESDAY 9th MAY, 2007

(3 Days/2 Nights) Staying in Morwell. Maximum: (48) Vacancies for (4)

Cost based on Twin Share, Minimum of (30): \$290.00. Single Supplement: \$ 60

Includes: All Coach Travel, Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch, some drinks, Morning and Afternoon Teas and Entrance Fees, and a proven Local Tour Guide Val Murphy, with whom we have travelled before.

Day 1: Monday 7th May: Depart at 7.30am from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street. (Just off Mc. Ivor Rd.)

Accom. In Morwell for two nights: The Del Spana Motor Inn. (03) 5134 4155)

Please refer to February edition of Probe for "full details of Itinerary."

** Copies of Itinerary available at March 21st meeting.

Note: Sandhurst Probus Club are sharing coach and have bookings for (18)

Probus Club of Bendigo Bookings: (26) have been confirmed from:

B. Armstrong (1), I. Bennett (1), C. Binks (2), R. Chenery (1), A. Cowling (2),

A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (2), K. Gloster (2), J. Glover (2), D. Laity (2),

R. Michell (1), M. Miller (1), J. White (1),

F. Himsworth (1), D. Plant (1), I. Truscott. (1), W. Truscott (1), J. Vincent (2).

Additional bookings invited: Vacancies (4)

Payments: Due by or at Probus Club of Bendigo meeting Wednesday 21st March.

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

Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton. For inquiries telephone: 5443 9162

Film Afternoon at Campbell Theatre – Hargreaves Street.

Courtesy of Cynthia & Fob Watkins.

Sunday 29th April. Report by 2.45pm, Start: 3.00pm.

Cost: \$3.00 per person. Includes: Entry, Tea/Coffee/Biscuits

Last year Rob & Cynthia Watkins spent five months photographing the wild life and natural beauty of Kakadu, the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Australia's far North.

You are invited to share the Photographic results of their 22,000 km travels in the air-conditioned comfort of the R L. Campbell Theatre

Areas to be featured include Yellow Waters, Purnululu, (Bungle Bungles N.P), a four wheel drive on the Gibb River Rd, including flights over remote & spectacular coastline plus some of the gorges of Karajini N.P. in the Pilbara region. Also included close encounters with prolific bird life and Crocodiles on Yellow Waters.

A great opportunity to share in this excellent presentation of high class digital films and to socialise with members of some of the other Probus Clubs. ** Don't miss out.

Date: Sunday 29th April. – Doors open at 2.45pm

Film Showing: 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Afternoon Tea: 4.00pm to 4.30pm. and to fraternise

Film Showing: 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Maximum allocation to Probus Club of Bendigo: 50 persons.

List/Bookings: at 21st March Meeting. **Payments:** at 19th April Meeting.