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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 a guest speaker at the March meeting
owing to the AGM**

At the February meeting the guest speaker was Adam Smolak Project Officer for Green Gym and he was introduced to the members by President Alec. Adam explained that Green Gym is a new program designed to help get fit while doing a range of enjoyable gardening and conservation activities. Green Gym was developed in the UK, the Victorian branch started in Ballarat and has now spread to Bendigo and Melbourne Conservation Volunteers has a large range of plans to clean up Bike paths, National parks and Heritage area's in and around the Gold Fields area. The Peppergreen Farm in Thunder Street is one of their projects. Green Gym is supported by the Victorian Government through "the go for yourlife" campaign. More information can be obtained by phoning Adam on 5444 0777 or Mobile 0427 507 004. Rupert Reynolds thanked Adam on behalf of the members and made the usual presentation.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

The speaker for our April meeting will be Yvonne Parsons from Bendigo Community Care, which relates to services available to senior residents living independently in their own home, this subject should be a major benefit to many of our members, so we invite you to bring your wife or partner, all guests will be welcome.

- Barry, O'B.

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

Presidents Remarks

We have now been living in the Bendigo Retirement Village for 7 years. When we first arrived we had a Strata Title and were part of a Body Corporate. Now both of these names have been abolished and we simply have an Owner's Corporation. It is only the name that has changed, the legal and financial position is just as it was before. Over the last few years this has been going on. Government departments change their names repeatedly, without any change in function. Foreign cities do this, Hamoi is now Ho Che Minh City, Bombay is now Mumbai, Benares has become Varanasi. Beijing for centuries was Peking. Even countries have changed their names, soon after Independence. Beylon became Sri Lanka and earlier this year Burma become Myanmar. Where will it end? With independence (if ever) will Tasmania become Van Deimens Land? Anyway we will resist any attempt to change the honoured name of PROBUS.

- President Alec

Foundation Members Luncheon

In February we met at the Reservoir Hotel for luncheon. We had an attendance of 12 people. This month we are booked as a lunch party at the Belmont Hotel in Skene Street, March 19, 2008 at 12.30pm. As usual we invite any member who wishes to attend, irrespective of being a Foundation Member, and bring your friends. Inform Dorothy (ph: 544 32642) of your proposed attendance if you are not a regular.

- President Alec

TREASURER'S REPORT

Captain Scrooge over astute money manager advises that the Annual subs are due. His new BMW is due April 16th so payment by this date will help his cash flow.

- Editor

Useless Information:

Worldwide there are more Statues of Joan of Arc than anyone else, France alone has 40,000 of them. During world war II it took the US only four days to build a ship. There are 3,900 Islands in the Country Japan. About 300 years ago most Egyptians died by the time they were 30. Elephants get by on only two hours sleep a day. In true kingly fashion Elvis passed away while sitting the throne. Moisture not air causes super glue to dry the Toltees Seventh – Century native Mexicans went to battle with wooden swords so as not to kill their enemies. Peter the Great executed his wife's lover and forced her to keep her lover's head in a jar of alcohol in her bedroom.

- Editor

Birthday Wishes

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

APRIL 08

8th	Ian Bennett 83
23rd	Geoff Bikes 80
3rd	Vic Canobie 87
20th	Tom Iser 89
11th	Ron Mc Culloch 85
12th	Les Nankivell 91
13th	Len Roy 84
29th	Warren Winzar 81

MAY 08

9	Norm Dack 81
19	Peter Goodrich 83
14	Bruce Michelsen 77
29	Bill Redmond 81
13	Alan Stephens 85

Visitors:

Arthur Eaton introduced two visitors at our February meeting namely Charlic Tamblyn and George Hinsworth, the good news is that Charlie will be inducted into our club at the March meeting also we hope George will follow later. Arthur Eaton has introduced six new members in the last eighteen months, a wonderful effort, well done.

- Editor

This day, 19 March, 1932.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was officially opened after six years of construction. It contains six million hand driven rivets, attributed by many of the 1400 workers to the deafness they experienced in later years. Fourteen people died due to unsafe work practices, and another two by falling off the structure. The two halves of the arch were joined by slowly releasing the many supporting cables; but had to be rejoined at 10pm that night because of thermal expansion during the afternoon. The four pylons are a later (aesthetic) addition. The NSW Premier J.T. Lang performed the official opening, the ribbon having been hastily retied after being slashed by the sword of Francis De Groot, a member of a right wing paramilitary group "the New Guard" which was opposed to Lang's Leftist policies.



A similar ceremony the other end of the bridge was performed without incident by the mayor of North Sydney who was later found also to be of the "new guard". My sister (12) and some of her Primary school friends re-enacted the event by building a bridge across a small creek and riding our horse "Bluey" across it, while slashing another girl's hair ribbon with her 'sword' (a stick)

- Rupert R.

BOWLS NEWS

The next bowls match will be against Sandhurst on Tuesday April 8th at Woodbury, meeting at 9.30am for a 10am start.

G Osborne	J Kelly	C Smith S
N Bruhn	B Clemens	Z Hughes S
D Laity	B Redmond	A Covrt S
B Chenery	B Hargrave	R Fitzgerald S

- Ray F.

SANDHURST PROBUS CLUB: SMEATON – BLAMPIED COACH TOUR. TUESDAY 18TH MARCH

Cost: \$35.00 per person. Includes Coach, M/Tea, Buffet Luncheon

Depart: Strath Community Ctre Car Park, Crook St. 8.30am. Home approx 5.15pm.
Booked on this Trip: Ralph Michell (1), John White (1), Beverley Bruhn (1)

PROBUS CLUB BENDIGO - 5 DAY LAKES ENTRANCE/MERIMBULA TOUR MONDAY 12th – FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 2008

**Maximum (48) (Minimum: 35) COST: \$545.00 Per Person (Twin Share).
Single Supplement: \$115.00**

**INCLUDED: ALL COACH TRAVEL, DINNER, BED & COOKED BREAKFAST,
MORNING TEA ON 2 DAYS, ALL LUNCHESES & ENTRANCE FEES AS
PER ITINERARY**

The following (47) Bookings have been received & are now due for payment:

B. Armstrong (1), G. Bloomfield (1), I. Bennett (1), N. Bruhn (2), W. Clemens (2),
A. Cowling (2), R. Chenery (1), A. Crothers (2), Joyce Davies (2), A. Dingle (2),
A. Eaton (1), K. Gloster (2), J. Goodrich (1), F. Himsworth (1), Z. Hughes (2), E. Jenkins
(1), D. Laity (2), R. Michell (1), B. Michelsen (1), M. Miller (1), B. Mc. Grath (2),
P. Randall (1), T. Roberts (1), C. Slade (2), C. Smith (1), (H. Ward (1), J. White (1),
W. Winzar (1), Y. Wallace (1), O. Faderson (1), Beth Campbell (2), Jean Vincent (1),
Alex Hunter (1), M. Davies (1) K. Livingston (1)

(This may be Arthur's last trip – don't miss out.)

**PAYMENTS: At or prior to Meeting on Wed. 19th March.
By Cheque made out to Probud Club of Bendigo please.**

I seek your support to ensure this trip is a success. Friends of Probud Welcome.

ITINERARY:

MONDAY 12th (L,D) Depart 8.30am Strath Community Ctre Car Park Crook Street. We leave Bendigo at 8.30am as we begin the journey South. We will stop at the Organ Pipes National Park for morning tea before continuing on to Yarragon for lunch. We then continue along the Princes Highway travelling through Morwell, Sale & Bairnsdale then on to Paynesville and Metung before arriving in Lakes Entrance for the night. R.S.L. **Glenara Motel 03 5155 1555**

TUESDAY 13th (B,L,D)

We depart Lakes Entrance this morning and travel to Eden. Once we arrive in Eden, our first stop will be lunch before travelling to South East Fibre Exports where we will be given a tour from the coach of the chipmill. Following this we will head to Boyd's Tower which was constructed in the 1840's and used as a whale watching lookout. Next we will visit nearby Boydtown where the historic Seahorse Inn still stands, dating back to 1843. From here, we visit the Killer Whale Museum to get a comprehensive account of the whaling era. Our last stop will be Rotary Park where we will have the opportunity to look out over Twofold Bay before heading to the Black Dolphin Motel where we will be greeted by the friendly staff and enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne in the bar followed by dinner.

Black Dolphin Motel in Merimbula 02 6495 1500.

WEDNESDAY 14th (B,L,D)

After a buffet style cooked breakfast, we take a short trip to Tathra where we visit the Wharf and stop at the Dried Fruit Shop to taste some of their gourmet dried fruits, and then we head to Bega, home of the famous "Bega Cheese". At the factory you can view the cheese making process and sample the many varieties of cheeses. Next we stop at Cobargo, followed by Central Tilba where the entire township was classified by the National Trust, to preserve the historic character. We then head back to the motel where we can relax before enjoying a four course dinner in the restaurant.

THURSDAY 15th (B,L,D)

After breakfast we visit Kameruka Estate, one of Australia's most unique and beautiful properties, which was established in the 1800's. Following this, we will travel to Eden where we will board the "Cat Balou" and enjoy lunch and a cruise of Twofold Bay. We then take a short trip back to Merimbula to view some of the local sights including Short Point, Bar Beach and the Merimbula Wharf, before having the opportunity to shop or just browse around Merimbula. We will then return to the motel to rest and relax before drinks and dinner in our restaurant.

FRIDAY 16th (B,L)

After breakfast in the restaurant and goodbye's to our new found friends at the Black Dolphin Motel, we begin the return journey to Bendigo with happy memories of a great holiday.

Enquiries for the trip please contact Arthur Eaton: Phone 5443 916

Untitled

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Meaning

It's better to have a small actual advantage than the chance of a greater one.

Origin

It isn't until the 19th century that we find the phrase in its currently used form. The earliest I've located is in a US newspaper *The Huron Reflector*, from January 1833. "But few persons, so prone are we to grasp at the shadow at the expense of the substance, bear in mind the good old adage, 'A bird in the had is worth two in the bush.

This refers to the phrase as old. How long the current version predates 1833 isn't clear, but variations of the phrase have been known for centuries. The earliest English version of the proverb is from the Bible and was translated into English in Wycliffe's version in 1382, although Latin texts have it from the 13th century:

Ecclesiastes IX – A living dog is better than a dead lion.

Alternatives that explicitly mention birds in hand come later. The earliest of those is in Hugh Rhodes' *The boke of nurture or schoole of good maners*, circa 1530:

"A byrd in hand – is worth ten flye at large."

John Heywood, the 16th century collector of proverbs, recorded another version in his ambitiously titled a dialogue conteynyng the number in effect of all the prouerbes in the englishe tongue, 1546:

"Better on byrde in hande than ten in the wood."

The Bird in Hand was adopted as a pub name in the UK in the Middle Ages and there are still many pubs of that name there. This refers back to mediaeval falconry where a bird in the hand (the falcon) was certainly worth more than two in the bush (the prey).

The term bird in hand must have been known in the USA.

- *Rupert R.*

Purina Dog Chow

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor hold his there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do, "said the Doctor, " stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

No response.

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Again he gets no response.

So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

(I just love this)

"Ralph, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"

- *Rupert R.*