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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 A.G.M.**

President Ern introduced Beryl Smith the Guest Speaker at the February Meeting, the subject being "The Smith Family" who are they?

Originally established in 1922 to provide traditional welfare services, the Smith Family today is a national independent non-profit organisation working in partnership with other caring Australians to unlock opportunities for disadvantaged children and their families using education as the key. They have no religious affiliation and are non-political. There are 13 locations in Victoria including the Bendigo area, which opened 10 years ago, located at 10 Mundy Street and will be moving to 60 King Street some time this month. You can help to sponsor an Australian child to stay at school for less than \$1.00 a day. Phone: 1800 024 069 or visit their website: www.smithfamily.com.au

- Editor.

**MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A FRIEND,
PAY FOR THIER CUPPA, INTRODUCE THEM
TO THE BENIFITS OF PROBUS**

Presidents Piece

As members are aware, following our next Special General Meeting, we will be holding our AGM and Elections; accordingly there will be no guest speaker segment. I invite any member that may wish to assist our club in any way to complete a nomination form; additionally any members that may be contemplating "going on the Committee" are invited to "sit in or act as assistants" to gain experience in whatever role they may wish to assume.

The work required to reverse our decreasing membership and or whatever we decide to do is an ongoing task **THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED**. The incoming Committee needs your assistance to rejuvenate our proud Club.

As per our Constitution an incumbent President can be appointed to a second term of Office due to exceptional circumstances and or if the Vice President desires to continue in that role.

With the Members approval I will be renominating; ***"WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO FOR YOUR CLUB'S FUTURE?"***

- President Ern.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

APRIL 2010

08	Ian Bennett	85
13	Len Roy	86
20	Tom Iser	91
23	Geoff Biles	82
29	Warren Winzar	83

MAY 2010

08	Norm Daack	82
13	Alan Stephens	87
14	Ian Dean	63
14	Bruce Michelsen	79
26	Mike Watt	69
29	Bill Redmond	83

Congratulations to all the above.

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

Luncheon Members and Friends.

The March Luncheon is to be held at the Foundry Arms Hotel, High Street following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday March 17th. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday March 15th. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

- Editor

SNIPPETS

Visitors

Brian McGrath was introduced to the members by Arthur Cowling and Ron Pollock attended for a second time.

Sick List

Our thoughts and prayers are with these members not feeling well and hope for better days ahead.

Members

Members, seriously consider at some time to say yes, I would like to go on the Committee and have input into the future planning of your club.

- Editor

USELESS INFORMATION

- The Statue of Liberty's mouth is three feet wide.
- The youngest Pope was only 11 years old.
- Less than two percent of the water on earth is fresh.
- To see at night as well as an owl you would need eyeballs as big as grape fruit.
- A group of geese on the ground is called a Gaggle, a group in the air is called a Skein.
- It was only after 440 ad that the 25th December was celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ.
- It's impossible to get all the water out of a rimless tyre.

- Editor

SIMPLE PUZZLE TIME

7777

Using only four 7's, put them in such a way that they total 100

ANSWER: 77 : 77 ÷ 7 ÷ 7

- Bob C.

JOKE TIME

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND

– APRIL 14th to APRIL 29th, 2010.

16 Days/15 Nights. – Australia Pacific Tours.

Cost: \$3,380.00. Includes: Air Travel, Airport Taxes, Accommodation, Meals, Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary. An Experienced Tour Director and a Coach Driver. Travel Bag & Wallet. Passport required: (Valid for 6 months after 29 April, 2010) Insurance: Is strongly recommended.

**** Itineraries, and as required Booking Forms available. Other Probus Clubs welcome.**

**** Currently vacancies exist, – advisable to book now – *** time is fast running out.*****

To secure bookings: A Deposit of \$250/person, by Cheque payable to APT, together with a completed booking form, is to be forwarded to: Probus Club of Bendigo Tours Organiser, Arthur Eaton, 4 Maxwell Crescent, Bendigo, 3550. For enquiries: Phone Arthur on 5443 9162

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2010 - "MARY POPPINS" (A great Musical Show)

Live Show Her Majesties Theatre in Melbourne. – Show starts 2.00pm.

COST: \$130/Person. Includes: Coach Travel (Bendigo Coachlines – 93 Wood St. Bendigo Theatre Entry with better seats in Dress Circle

Depart Bendigo: Approx 9.30am. Return home by approx: 7.00pm.

Currently: I have seats on hold with Southern Cross Travel, 93 Wood St. Bendigo 5446 7000

To book: Phone: 5446 7000 (Kirsty) Tell them you are in the Probus Club of Bendigo

Group PAYMENT: May be made personally at 93 Wood Street, or if by Mail: a Cheque made at To Southern Cross Travel. ** If paying by Credit Card - 2.1/2% surcharge applies.

**** Note: If you wish to participate then: act now – seats on hold for a very limited time.**

MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS- 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA DISCOVERY

TOUR: CRUISE ON MURRAY RIVER - ALSO ADELAIDE & S.A. TOUR

FRIDAY 5th to TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2010 - ** Minimum (10)

Price per Person: \$1868 Twin Share. \$2441 Single Supplement

Includes: Transport: Bendigo to Airport & Return, Air Fares: To & From Adelaide

Airport Taxes: Accommodation & Meals (both Boat & Adelaide), Cruising & Tours

as per the Itinerary. *(On this Tour: 2 Nights on the Boat & 2 Nights in Adelaide.)*

Includes a "Full Day Tour" from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island or if individuals wish, to the Barossa Valley **LISTING:** At meeting Wed. 17th March, 2010. Deposits: at 16th June Meeting

**** Copies of each Itinerary available for perusal Enquiries to Arthur: 5443 9162**

Current Bookings: (12) held for: I. Bennett (1), N Bruhn (2), A. Crothers (2), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), R. Michell (1), H. Ward (1), Geoff Rumbold (2)

SATURDAY 3RD JULY, 2010. SEYMOUR HERITAGE RAILWAY

– HERITAGE TRAIN TO TOCUMWAL

Departs from Seymour 8.40am. Arrive Tocumwal 11.30am. (Rail travel charge: \$30.00/person)

It is anticipated special carriages on the train will include *State Car No 4 (In which Royalty travels), and the former Spirit of Progress Parlour Car, both of which will be open for inspection during the journey. On Train services: A Kiosk will be in operation during the train journey providing a range of snacks & refreshments. The train arrives in Tocumwal at 11.30am. You will have 3 ½ hours in Tocumwal, so you may decide to: ** Bing a Picnic Lunch and enjoy it on the foreshore of the Murray River. ** Do your own thing, OR ** Enjoy one of the Heritage Train Tour*

Options which may be available on the day: Tocumwal Festival ??:

**** Dependent upon interest received, Travel from Bendigo to Seymour & return would be:**

**** If numbers are small, then travel in Private Cars**

**** Should the response be good and numbers permit:**

Then travel by Road Coach Bendigo to Seymour & return.

LIST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: At meeting Wednesday 17th March

– I seek your support. I may have more detailed information at the meeting.

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur. Phone: 5443 9162