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A special General meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December, at 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**The AGM will be held at the 16th March Meeting.
No guest speaker.**

At our February meeting the guest speaker, Mr Wally Smilie, Community Education Officer for Ambulance Victoria was introduced by President Ern. Wally asked and answered himself the question when do we call an ambulance and the simple answer should always be do NOT hesitate if you have any thoughts at all that an ambulance might be needed. He then fully explained what happened whenever one makes a triple zero call or a 112 call for an ambulance. The prime advice he gave was to LISTEN CAREFULLY then ANSWER JUST WHAT WAS ASKED.

Mobile phone users were advised to have an entry in their phone book for a number to be called in case of emergency. Ambulance Officers, Paramedics and MICA Paramedics are trained to look for an entry under the name **ice1**.

Wally explained that not only Ambulance members receive free transportation in an emergency but also holders of a Pension Card, a Health Care Card or a Gold Card. In the case of road traffic accidents then the RTA pick up the bill for the use of any ambulance(s) needed. Anyone without cover from one of these could well face a very hefty fee for ambulance service eg an ambulance from McIvor Forest, Junortoun to Bendigo Base hospital was recently billed at \$2050

Several different aids/books/stickers were made available to members who were also made aware that a special booklet where you can write all your personal medical details is available through Rotary.

All in all a very informative talk and Wally was thanked by Ken Crouch and presented with a Probus Coffee Mug.

**NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP
Thursday 10th March at the Beechworth Bakery
10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!**

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Hi Probians

It was great to see increased numbers at our meeting and also the Luncheon that followed. I would like to remind members that there are positions still to be filled at or preferably prior to our AGM, please consider nominating, any club is only as strong as its members! We desperately need a member to support Arthur our Tour & Trips Organiser, preferably a member that does travel on these trips. I know Arthur will assist in any way possible. It would be great if members rotated through as many positions as possible; don't just leave it to the usual few.!

I thank you all for supporting myself over the last two years and the Committee that you elected last year.

Kind regards
Ern

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New Members

Three new members were inducted into the Club at the February meeting. We welcome Joan Gloster, Mary Caulfield and Lynwood Stork to our Club and look forward to enjoying their company at future meetings/trips.



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CLUB FINANCE: As at 17th Jan General \$1419.24 Tours \$2731.92
Banking — Cheque Account \$1401.16 Deposit Account \$2750.00
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BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !!

MARCH

2nd Peter Randall
17th John Sanderson
23rd Ray Fitzgerald
25th Jim Aitken

APRIL

4th Bob Chenery
8th Ian Bennett
13th Len Roy
20th Tom Iser
23rd Geoff Biles
29th Warren Winzar

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery !



It is with great sadness that we record the recent death of our valued member **Cliff Nievandt** a member since September 1993 and survived by his wife **Nin**. Our sincere condolences go to **Nin** and the family.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.
2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.
2011 Jan 43; Feb 52.

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Thursday 14th April at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome! Any comments/suggestions phone Denise on 54493925

Luncheon Members and Friends.

The March Luncheon is to be held at The Brougham Arms, Williamson Street, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday March 16th. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 14th. March. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

LONERS GROUP

Those members on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett name.

BOWLS GROUP

At the moment I am drafting letters to 5 clubs requesting a game of bowls in the morning, starting at 10:00 and finishing at 12:00, consisting at the moment 5 teams of pairs, at \$6,00 a player. I will be sending the letters to the clubs early next month.

I will be compiling a list of names from the Probe address book, and if anyone does not wish to play, would they PLEASE, contact me PH54470680, or e-mail rayftz@gmail.com as soon as possible.

If possible I will try to arrange the games for the Tuesday after the monthly meeting.

Noel Bruhn, A Court, A Eaton, J Fitzgerald, R Fitzgerald Gloster, B Hargrave, Z Hughes. R Hughes, J Kelly, D Laity, G Osborn B Redmond, L Roy, Barb Smith, Chas Smith, A Stevens

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY :

A married man should forget his mistakes!! There is no use in two people remembering the same thing !!

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Hope you are not desperate !!!

Bad Judgement

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
 Wednesday 5th April
 Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS - (Proud Australia Holidays.) Tel: 1800 677 683

5 DAY/5 NIGHTS MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON "MURRAY EXPEDITION."

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 29TH April, 2011- Based on: Min:(10),

Price per Person: \$1685/Person Twin Share Repeat Trip organised by popular request.

Includes: Boat Cruise, Side Tours, Accommodation and "All Meals." Car Garaging

Travel: Bendigo to Murray Bridge & return: By Private Cars.

RIVER CRUISE:

Departs Murray Bridge: Sunday 24th April at 7.30pm (Murray Bridge to Blanchtown.)

Returns Murray Bridge Fridays 29th April at 4.00pm

Friday 29th Motel Accommodation Keith (S.A. overnight - \$107 Twin Room)

**** Those who do not desire to stay Friday night-please advise Arthur**

To secure Cabin bookings on Boat: Require to be positive and act very soon

For details contact Arthur on 5443 9162

****Current Bookings: (14) I. Bennett (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), D. Richardson (1), G & H Rumbold (2), H. Ward (1), K & N. Allan (2), K & J. Thompson (2) Dorothy Houlden (1),**

Zeila Lynch (1)

TRIP TO MELBOURNE ZOO- THURSDAY 17TH MARCH, 2011

Travel by Train : Bendigo to (Royal Park Suburban) – from there immediate entry to Zoo.

Depart Bendigo: 7.45am Train to Melbourne Return:3.15pm ex Melb. Arr. Bendigo 5.09pm

**** Essential: To be early on day of travel to secure your Rail Bookings**

COSTS:

**** Use your Rail Passes or Seniors Concessions. Make own payments at Bendigo Rail Station**

**** ZOO ENTRY FEE: Seniors Concession: \$23.00 ** Meals, Snacks etc available.**

****An interesting outing is assured, I will guide the Group throughout the day.**

Payment/Bookings Received: (7) A. Court (1), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1) R.Pollock (1)

H. Ward (1), J. White (1), C.Thomson (1) ** Additional bookings welcome

MYSTERY TRIP - COMBINED WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS CLUB.

THURSDAY 19th MAY, 2011

Depart: 9.30am From: Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park – Crook St. Bendigo.

Return Home: By about 5.00pm

COST:

\$35.00 per person. Includes: Coach Fare, M/Tea from Coach, and a

Light Lunch.

As yet no entry fees. Afternoon Tea would be extra –avail from \$6.00/person

**** Spring Gully Probus – currently checking out another "need to pay**

attraction."

LIST FOR BOOKINGS: At Meeting Wed 16th March. Payments: At Meeting on 20th April

Expressions of Interest- (please confirm) received from:

C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), R. Chenery (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), J.Goodrich (1),

R. Michell (1), M.Watt: (2), (B. Secombe (2)

**** If you desire to have Day Trips, then please show your support for this combined Probus Tri.p.**

THE BAROSSA PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011 Inc.

9th October—14th October

NURIOOTPA, BAROSSA VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

<http://www.probusouthpacific.org/activitiesrendezvous.html>

Full details and registration forms available at the 16th March Meeting

***** Please assist the Collectors by tendering correct amounts when making payments. *****

TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162