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WELCOME ABOARD!

The good ship BENDIGO PROBUS has been well and truly launched, the crew are at their stations, the passengers have embarked and the ship is under weigh for the maiden voyage. Everything is shipshape and Bristol fashion!

We are fortunate to be the Foundation members of what promises to be a unique and significant club in the social life of Bendigo. Two things need to be emphasised at the start. Probust is NOT just another Service Club and it is not merely another Senior Citizens Club.

It is a club exclusively for men who have held executive positions in their business or professional lives and who have retired at whatever age from the thrust and parry of the market place. Probust offers a sanctuary where we may go about the business of enjoying each other's company without the limitations and obligations placed upon us by an exacting job or a demanding Service club. So let us enjoy this fellowship to the fullest extent. The aim of all mankind is said to be The Pursuit of Happiness and the role of Probust in this may best be summed up in the words of Bertrand Russell:

"Fundamental happiness depends more than anything else upon what may be called a friendly interest in persons and things."

HAPPY VOYAGE!

THE SPEAKER TODAY: Mr. Cyril Michelson, M.B.E.

It would be presumptuous to attempt a pen-portrait of fellow-member, Cyril, since he is as much a part of Bendigo as the Post Office clock - and just as well-known. His talk will be both interesting and entertaining and those who miss it shall, in the words of one William Shakespeare, "think themselves accurs'd they were not here!"

THE SPEAKER LAST MONTH was David Horsfall, one of Bendigo's most able journalists and historians. His humorous account of early Bendigo kept us informed and amused and emphasised the fact that in this City we have a rich and colourful heritage. Thanks to David for his excellent address.

OUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR IDEAS! Right now the committee wants to know what activities we should embrace for the greater enjoyment of our fellowship. Maybe you would like to visit an industrial plant, an historic venue, even a botanical gardens or maybe a barbecue lunch. The important thing is, let us have your thoughts on the matter. Your club is autonomous, but the committee can only do what YOU want it to do.

AND ON THE MATTER OF SELF-HELP the editor will welcome small items suitable for inclusion in this Bulletin. Things are happening all the time and many of them make interesting reading. Let PROBE inform your fellow-members.

A WORD FROM author Phillip Howard: "The worst insult to our elders and betters is to lump them all together as 'the old' as if they were suffering from some unmentionable disease. We are all suffering from that same disease. It is called 'life'."

THE QUESTION IS ASKED: Are wives and friends of members involved in club activities?

The answer is: Since each club is autonomous, rules concerning involvement of wives and friends vary from club to club. In most clubs, only members attend the regular meetings. In the majority of them, wives and friends are invited to special luncheon/dinner meetings and to most outings. A few clubs invite wives and friends to all meetings and all outings.

All clubs welcome guests who are potential members or are members of other Probus clubs.

KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT



RAYMOND SINCLAIR DOWNEY was born in the tiny hamlet of Wallace, near Ballarat and spent his childhood on the family farm.

He completed his secondary education at the Ballarat School of Mines, graduated with a Diploma of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and gained a job at the engineering works at Ronaldson Bros. and Tippett.

In 1936 he joined the State Electricity Commission as an Electrical operator, transferred to the electricity supply field and worked in metropolitan Ballarat and Wimmera branches before coming to Bendigo in 1956.

Appointed a Branch Manager in 1959, his promotion led him away from Bendigo to Mildura, Castlemaine and Colac. He returned to Bendigo in 1971 as Regional manager from which position he retired in 1975.

Ray has a distinguished record of service in Rotary, having been a member, at various times of clubs in Mildura, Castlemaine, Colac (President in 1970-71) and finally Bendigo.

In 1977 he was appointed District Governor of Rotary district 978 and played a leading role in the highly successful Golden City Conference (Bendigo, March, 1978).

He has been honoured by his club with the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

His community involvement includes service as President Home and Hospital for the Aged, Treasurer Strathaven Home, initial President Bendigo Regional Council for Technical Education. He has served on the school councils at Castlemaine, Colac and White Hills.

And Most Importantly, he is now the Foundation president of the Probus Club of Bendigo!

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A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "What a man has is God's gift to man. What he does with it is his gift to God."

Emerson.



KNOW YOUR MEMBERS.

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These are the Foundation Members of the Probud Club of Bendigo.

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