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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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THE SPEAKER at our May Meeting is not a guest, but one of our own members, JIM AITKEN. His talk is entitled; "Some Experiences as a Coroner".

KEN HESSE introduced our Guest Speaker for April, WARWICK JOHANSON. Warwick is a fourth generation resident of Kangaroo Flat, and an Accountant on the Board of Sandhurst Trust.

In September, 1942, at the age of 17 Warwick joined the Navy. In a crowded environment he and his fellow recruits were introduced to Naval discipline, and virtually a new language. Now left became "port", the floor was "the deck", anything behind was "astern" and so on. He had to learn to pronounce lieutenant as "lootenant" and the peculiarities of the Naval salute.

Following basic training, Warwick spent four months in Signals School learning Visual Signalling techniques. He refought, and won the Battle of Trafalgar, using signals like "England expects every man will do his duty" and Nelson's favourite, "Engage the enemy more closely".

In February, 1943 Warwick was a qualified signaller, and was posted to H.M.A.S. Sydney, the R.A.N.'s flag-ship. As a member of a crew numbering about 1000 there was still little elbow room for him. He was in action on Sydney in operations from Milne Bay, then Macarthur returned to the Philipines and H.M.A.S. Sydney was part of an armada 40 miles long. There followed the battles of Leyte Gulf and Lingayen, Sydney was hit by a Japanese aeroplane which caused extensive damage and resulted in the deaths of 30 of the crew. After repair in the New Hebrides the Sydney eventually returned to the city of Sydney. There was a posting to another ship for Warwick, after a spell of leave came the end of the war and Warwick's discharge.

Warwick concluded his talk with mention of the Anzac Day observances, which serve, not to glorify war, but to remember the dead.

PETER GOODRICH thanked our Speaker and made the usual presentation.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH : Trip to Melbourne

"CONDUCTED TOURS OF RADIO AUSTRALIA AND
LEADER GROUP SUBURBAN NEWSPAPERS"

Cost : \$10/person Includes Coach Fare & Admissions. **Lunch :** Please ensure you bring own Morning Tea & Lunch as timing of Tours requires "on time arrivals". **Departure Time :** 7.00 a.m. from Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street. **Emergencies :** are required for trip. Maximum - 45 : Current - 47.

THURSDAY JULY 11TH. : Trip to Melbourne

"GREAT AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SHOW"

Venue : World Congress Centre. Maximum - 48 : Current - 53
Emergencies Required. "A First", not to be missed, demonstrations plus over 100 exhibits. Refreshments available. **Cost :** \$13/person.

PAYMENTS : at today's meeting please.

AUGUST : (Early in Month) CHINESE MUSEUM - Bridge Street, Bendigo. Tour of Museum plus a sit-down "FULL SMORGASBOARD" either midday LUNCH or EVENING. **Cost :** \$15/person includes Smorgasboard, plus inspection. *** I will seek expressions of interest for this proposed outing at today's meeting, preferable time? ***

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH : TRIP TO MALDON

Combined with Castlemaine Probus Club. Maximum to travel : not limited. **Cost :** \$13/person includes coach fare, BBQ lunch, inspection Carmen's Tunnel, ride on Maldon Vintage Steam Train, tour of Maldon's items of interest. **LISTING :** At today's meeting.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH. : Trip to Melbourne

"CONDUCTED TOURS OF GALLERY OF SPORT"

MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB & GROUNDS & TENNIS CENTRE

Maximum to travel - 48 **Cost :** \$20 - \$21 (Approx) Which would include coach fare, admissions to Gallery of Sport, M.C.C., Tennis Centre plus a light lunch. "Should prove to be a very interesting trip."

LISTING : at JUNE MEETING.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH. to SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH. INCLUSIVE :

"TOUR OF THE YEAR" - TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS/LAKE EUCUMBENE

6 Days, 5 Nights. **Cost :** \$383 (all inclusive) Maximum to travel - 47 : Current Bookings - 67.

Information for possible Mildura Bowls Trip, Probus Bowls Tournament

WEDNESDAY JULY 3RD. 1991. Cost : Bowls \$8/player (includes lunch)

Accommodation : \$20/night/person : Includes light breakfast.

Travel : If desired by V/Line Road Coach : \$39/person return **Coach** : "Over 60's Pass". Tuesday 2/7 Depart Bendigo 10.55 a.m. Arrive Mildura 4.45 p.m. Thursday 4/7 Depart Mildura 9.10 a.m. Arrive Bendigo 3.10 p.m. V/Line will accept bookings now.

"SOUTH PACIFIC" will be performed at the Capital Theatre on June 21, 22, 28, 29 - Evening performances; June 23 - Matinee performance. The sheet for bookings will be tabled today, payment is due at the June meeting.

MAKE CHECK WORK BEFORE

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GOD AUST

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ALLAN DINGLE

BOWLS on the 18th. April, a very good day for friendly rivalry between Sandhurst Probus Bowls Teams and Bendigo Probus Bowls Team to decide Winner of the Perpetual Trophy, which was won by BENDIGO PROBUS - 99 SHOTS to 98 SHOTS. The best performing team for Bendigo Probus - A. RODGERS, R. DOWNEY, E. HOGAN, R. MARSLIN (Skipper).



Reporter : TED DRISCOLL

FOUR 'N' TWENTY TRIP : Where were Four 'N' Twenty Pies first made? Why the name? Who thought of the name? We obtained answers to all these questions during the excursion on April, 23, and much more information.

The Company produce a million pies, and three million other edibles, a day. We were shown the operations, seeing a fraction of the day's million pies being made and processed on an almost fully automatic assembly line. Immediately after baking the pies are put into the cool room for 40 minutes; this improves the flavour. Then out they come and are packed and away they go to the customers. The whole operation, from raw pastry to dispatch takes just about an hour. There are three eight hour shifts a day, two of them producing pies, the third for cleaning and whatever maintenance is needed.

After viewing a video, we were taken around the factory, then given lunch - pies, pasties, sausage rolls, lamingtons, custard pies, apple cakes, tea or coffee. When we emerged we were given the opportunity of buying the Company's products before the journey back to Bendigo.

Now for the answers to the questions. The original home of Four 'N' Twenty Pies was Bendigo and at least two of the original employees were with us on the trip; LEN ROY (whose two sisters were also employed) and JOYCE GRIFFIN. The reason for the name is obviously from the nursery rhyme, but what is obvious now was not so at the start, it needed the genius of JOYCE GRIFFIN to think of it. The original supplier of the meat was CLARK JEFFREY, who was also on the coach.

RENDEZVOUS '91 : Barossa Valley Probians claim that "Rendezvous '91", a national "get-together" of Probus Clubs held at Tanunda, South Australia in mid April, created a world attendance record for the Probus movement. The official registration was 1,426 with representation from each Australian state and also a contingent from New Zealand.

The idea for the function came from Mr. Harry Drury, a Tea Tree Gully Probian, and the organisation got under way in October 1989 with tremendous support from all Barossa Valley clubs.

The organisation was "spot-on" for this mammoth event, with clock-like precision apparent in every phase, embracing accommodation, meals, entertainment and excursions for more than 1,400 people. The Valley Probians deserved every credit for the success of the three day "get-together", going through to completion without a hitch.

Bendigo Probus Club was represented at "Rendezvous '91" by CYRIL MICHELSEN and LES NANKIVELL who joined the Bendigo Ladies Probus Club trip which, by the way, was perfectly organised.

One of the amazing feats of the Barossa Valley stalwarts was to provide meals on three occasions for more than 1,000 people at one sitting in a huge pavilion in the Tanunda Showgrounds, and still maintain the meal time schedule.

To speak of the Barossa Valley without a mention of Wine would be amazing. Yes there were many green bottles adorning the luggage racks of the Bendigo coach on the homeward journey, a "lovely drop" according to CYRIL and LES.

Any member who residentially transfers is requested to supply details to the Hon. Secretary, BOB CHENERY.

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S POLITICS :

Anyone who expresses a desire to run for any office should automatically be disqualified.

Power doesn't necessarily corrupt, but power always holds a fascination for people who are easily corrupted.

The government's solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem.

I see no reason for a Royal Commission which will take Minutes and waste years.

THE COUPLE seated in a restaurant seemed to be having a wonderful time. But as the woman glanced away from the table, their waiter suddenly rushed over.

"Madam, look," he said. "Your husband just slid under the table."

"No, he didn't," she replied. "My husband just came in the door."

THAT'S LIFE :

When it comes to giving most folk stop at nothing!