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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To me, Bendigo Probus is a group of men, who, after a lifetime of busyness in their respective fields, have come together in their retirement as a band of equals enjoying part of their leisure time in each other's company. My congratulations to "Probe" on attaining its one hundredth successful edition.

Jim Aitken
President.

LIST OF PAST PRESIDENTS

1985/6	Ray Downey	1986/7	Bob Campbell
1987/8	Arthur Eaton	1988/9	Jack Watts
1989/90	Reg Brock	1990/1	Gordon Glover
1991/2	Bob Holmes	1992/3	Colin McDonald
1993/4	Colin McLean		

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

MESSAGES FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

The start of anything worthwhile is a special occasion, and so it was with the start of Probus in Bendigo. Who amongst those of us involved in that first meeting in March 1985 would have had the temerity to predict that within nine years there would be seven Probus clubs and almost seven hundred Probians in the Bendigo area.

From those days when we were taking our first rather tentative steps, it has been wonderful to watch and be part of the progress through adolescence to the confident maturity of our present club. Each President has left the imprint of his personality on that development. As Probians our knowledge has been broadened and enriched by a wide variety of excellent guest speakers, our lives have been stimulated and brightened by many and varied trips and activities, but most important of all we have had the opportunity to make firm and valued friends of people we would probably not otherwise have met and to share much fun and varied experiences with them.

Ollie and I give thanks for the wonderful enjoyment and rich fellowship we have gained through being involved with Probus.

Ray Downey.

Shortly after my retirement from work the Probus Club of Bendigo was founded in 1985 and I was invited to become a foundation member, Committeeman, Tours Organiser and later to become the third President. Probus provides an essential element in retirement: fellowship, friendship, meeting new and maintaining contact with old friends, keynote speakers with a wide range of interesting subjects. Trips, my speciality for nine years, a lifeline of Probus; we have travelled locally, within Victoria, Interstate, Overseas, have travelled over land, on the water and in the air. We have now conducted 93 organised trips of varying durations and with great variety.

Arthur Eaton.

A sobering thought

On reading through the latest membership booklet I counted the number of foundation members. There are only 40 left of the original number.

Congratulations to Probe No. 100.

Jack Watts.

Not only have I attended a meeting of the oldest Probus club in Australia (Hunters Hill), but there I also met the oldest member of Probus enjoying his 100th birthday. **Which goes to show:-**

1. You are never too old to enjoy Probus Fellowship
- and 2. Without "Probe" it would be difficult to properly convey world-shattering news such as this!

Viva la "PROBE"

Reg Brock.

Probus to me has been an opportunity to renew friendship of men I have known for a long period.

I have made new friends who are a treasure at this age.

I pay tribute to the excellent programmes and travel organizing.

It was an honour to be your 1990/1 President.

Gordon Glover.

As our fabric of life is woven its changing pattern is influenced by many factors, one in particular being reserved to coincide with our age of retirement.

This dramatic change does not mean that we have reached the end of active service, but the beginning of a new era where our quality of life and the ability to contribute to society in a meaningful way will be maintained.

In a changing world where progress and growth of knowledge demands our continuing interest and attention I have found that our Probus club, in the fulfillment of its purposes and objectives, offers answers to many of these needs and wishes and desires.

Bob Holmes.

I believe Bendigo Probus club can attribute it's success to the people who have helped in organisation and arranging Speakers, etc.

Editors of "PROBE" deserve congratulations for the part they have played in producing 100 interesting issues and always delivered on time.

Colin McLean.

GROWTH

Foundation Date:	20/3/85
Number of Foundation Members:	72
Incorporation Date:	14/10/86
Original Membership Limit:	90
Revised Membership Limit:	100 (19/10/88)
Last Inducted Member in Register:	No 145
Number On Waiting List:	8 (1/4/94)

EDITORS OF PROBE, PAST AND PRESENT



Alec Crothers 1991--

Reg Brock 1985/91

Ken Coles 1989/91

"The Moving Finger writes, and having writ moves on: Nor all they Piety
nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line Nor all thy Tears wash out
a Word of it."

TRIPS INFORMATION

Trip Of The Year For 1994: Sunday Sept. 18th to Saturday Sept. 24th 1994.
(7 day/6 nights) Based on Wagga 5 nights & Canberra 1 night:
Timed to coincide with the Canberra Floriade Festival
Cost: \$420/person. Includes: Coach Fare, Accommodation D.B.B.
Morning and Afternoon Teas and Entry Fees.

For itinerary see Probe No. 99.

PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT: \$25.00/person now due. Listing at meeting.

Trip To Mt. Aitken Vineyard/Receptions: Thursday June 23rd 1994

"Xmas Dinner In June. - The trip with a difference."

Cost: Approx. \$28.00/person. Includes: Coach, Xmas Dinner, Wine Tasting
and Art Gallery. **Maximum:** 49 **Current:** 44. Open Friends

Depart: Approx 9.00am. **Arrive home:** Approx. 5.00pm.

Mt. Aitken Vineyard/Receptions is situated in the Gisborne area. En route
to Mt. Aitken we will visit areas of interest. At Mt. Aitken we will be treated
to wine tasting and partake of a traditional 3 Course Xmas Dinner. Later,
an opportunity to browse in the Art Gallery. **Payments: May 18th meeting.**

Swan Hill - Tooleybuc - Staying At Lazy River Motel - Swan Hill

Tuesday November 8th to Thursday November 10th (Incl) 3 Day/2 Night

Cost: \$125/person. Includes: 5 Star Coach, 2 nights accommodation,
breakfasts, all meals, all entry fees. **"Value for money trip"**

Depart: Nov. 8th - 7.45am: **Arrive home** Nov. 10th 5.00pm. **MAXIMUM 45**

Day 1. After lunch at Swan Hill we visit Murray Downs Homestead. Evening:
6 Course Chinese Meal (Aust avail); then to Pioneer Settlement "Sound &
Light Show". **Day 2.** Pioneer Settlement heritage park, 1 hour Murray River
Cruise on Pyapp. Visit old Kyalite pub, then a Pistachio Nut Farm for tour.
Day 3. Guided tour of Swan Hill including Speewa Punt & Winery: BBQ lunch
at motel before departure for home.

List: At meeting May 18th - **Payment:** Deposit \$10/person June meeting.
Final payment September meeting.

Arthur Eaton - Trips Liaison.

GUEST SPEAKER - For May Meeting

Reg MacDonald, retiring Managing Editor Bendigo Advertiser.
"Experiences as a Journalist"

At the April Meeting the Guest Speaker was introduced by Ray Downey.
It was Ian Gordon, well known professionally to many of our members. Ian
described himself as some kind of plumber. He maintains, and he should
know, that men are the weaker vessels. They die earlier than women; their
health is not as good as women's, and they are reluctant to seek medical
advice and it is often too late when finally sought. Over the last 20 years,
deaths due to cardiac and circulatory disorders have reduced by 50% for
men and 40% for women, but cancer has increased for both genders, one reason
being increased longevity. Ian presented us, with much dry humour, with
a wealth of information about the prostate, his area of specialisation. Symptoms,
diagnosis and treatment were all covered. Two final points, early consultation,
diagnosis and treatment are essential, and Ian's final bon mot -
"It's not the hand that rocks the cradle that rules the World, but the prostate
gland". Hugh Ward, another of Ian's "victims" thanked the Guest Speaker
and made the presentation.