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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Barry Ackerman, former Major of Bendigo, who will speak on Developments planned for the next 3 years. Members are invited to bring wives or partners to hear the speaker.

INDUCTIONS

Two new members were inducted at the meeting.

Frank Scrivener was introduced by Alan Stevens and Ron Twitt was introduced by Arthur Eaton.

They were both inducted by the President.

THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OLDER PERSON

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Strathdale Community Centre on June 6th at 2.00 pm.

AUDITOR

In correction of the statement in the Probe No. 154, the auditor for this year will be Clive Miller.

VALE

Sadly we record the death of Dot Donaldson, Don Donaldson's wife.

GUEST SPEAKER

The meeting in April was fortunate to hear a talk given by Brian Baker, who was introduced by Alan Dingle.

Brian recounted some of his experiences in P.N.G. where he worked in the management of the Paston Training College and the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. The natural conditions, high mountain ranges, deep valleys, cloud, mist and high humidity make aerial navigation a hair-raising occupation. Brian has some exciting tales to tell on this subject.

The Aviation Fellowship has 24 aircraft, 5 Twin Otters and 12 Cessna 206's included. The Fellowship is responsible for the only medical services in many places. It is international in its financing, among contributing countries are Finland, Canada, England and U.S.A. as well as Australia.

In recent times the Fellowship has provided valuable relief work in the period of disastrous drought and the tsunami of last year, in fact the first alarm in the case of the tsunami was raised by MAF pilots during a routine flight.

Since independence the lack of money has caused a reduction of work and funds for road making and maintenance, for education and for medical services. In the drought and the resulting famine there occurred a resurgence of the disease Yaws, which had been virtually eradicated; another disease on the upsurge is chicken-pox.

At the conclusion of the informative and very interesting talk Alan Court expressed the thanks and appreciation of the members and presented the usual Probus mug to Brian.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Bookings have already been made for this year's dinner. It will be on the 3rd Wednesday in December, Dec 15th. This year it will be held in the Burnett Lounge. The cost has been set at \$22.00 which includes pre-dinner drinks, other drinks BYO.

MIXED MEETING

It is proposed to hold later in the year a meeting to which wives and friends will be invited, with lunch to follow at some place not yet decided.



BENDIGO & DISTRICT PROBUS GROUPS

On Friday, 30th April, 1999 a group so named met for luncheon at the Foundry Arms Motel. The group is composed of representatives of the 21 Probus Clubs of towns ranging from Mildura and Echuca down to Woodend and Gisborne. Our club was represented by our President, Ern Waterworth.

The objectives of this, the second such meeting were; fellowship, airing on views on Probus problems, interchange of ideas on tours, guest speakers and so on.

Among resolutions proposed and: carried were meetings to continue half yearly in April and October, the member clubs to be represented by the current President and Immediate Past President to ensure continuity. To continue with the current Chairman Bill Hall of Golden Square Probus Club and the current secretary, Lois Angus also of Golden Square to meet next on Friday, 22nd October, 1999, at a place yet to be decided.

BOWLS NOTES

On Wednesday 28th April, 20 bowlers from our club played the Annual Grudge Match against Sandhurst Prob at Woodbury Bowling Club.

A very enjoyable morning of bowls in perfect autumn weather.

With Bendigo the holder of the trophy, competition was intense and the bowling was of a very high standard.

At the end of play two rinks had tied, one rink three down – one two down with one rink one up. The final result Sandhurst were Victors 72-68. The best rink for Bendigo was Alan Dingle – Bob Chenery – Warren Winzar – Ray Fitzgerald (s), who all received Probus glasses from Sandhurst. This was the final bowls engagement for our club this season.

Thanks to all bowlers who supported all games especially those who filled in at short notice.

Bill Clemens



PROBUS CLUB SHIRTS

It is hoped to have a completed shirt for display to members at the May meeting. The Probus badge *Bendigo* has been completed and approved and is of excellent quality.

KYNETON TRIP REPORT 1999

Our Day In Kyneton Or The Great Socks Buying Extravaganzer

It was of course, another finely tuned event arranged by Arthur. As we are aware, even the weather does his bidding!

Our first stop was to view the museum and to meet our guides for the day, Betty and Don McClure. Everyone knows the museum. That's the little group of buildings on the right hand side of Piper Street as you drive South through Kyneton that you have never bothered to stop and look at. Well this time we did see it and it's well worth a visit. Pat Sanders told us the history. To make sure we return we were given a tour (by coach) of the area and brought back to "Trio Station Winery" for a wine tasting and talk on the wine making process by manager Phillip Ford. It is good to see that the burnt out remains of the old market building have been transformed into a modern working winery.

After a further exploratory drive in the coach, we arrived at the picnic area of the Botanical Gardens for lunch arranged by our guides Betty and Don.

Later we were introduced to Members of the Kyneton Probus Club who had joined us for lunch. We also met Maisey Harper a long time source of inspiration for the Kyneton Tourist Authority. Then it was the turn of John Brown Knitting Mills to be overrun by Probians. We were told why some socks are better than others, shown the various yarns that are used, saw the fascinating machinery that performs its miracles and finally came to the shop. There we found that we could become the proud owners of socks, the like of which are usually sold in many overseas countries under expensive labels. At the factory shop they are very cheap. One can imagine the bundles of socks that came back to Bendigo!

Our final visit for the day was by no means an anti climax. Being more intimate establishments the group was divided. Part going to 'Meskill's Woollen Crafts' where we saw all manner of woollen goods and wool being spun into yarn before afternoon tea provided by Peter and Anne Sparle. The other group went first to 'Kyneton Fine China' where Peter and Rita Daniels explained the intricacies of their Fine China production and decoration.

As we have come to expect we arrive home exactly on time, tired but happy. This time laden down with socks and some wine, everyone saying yet again "Well done Arthur!"

Norman Dack



TRIP ITEMS FOR MAY 19TH, 1999 ISSUE OF "PROBE" Alex Crothers



Sunday 23rd May, 2.00 pm VICTORIAN WELSH CHOIR & SUPPORTING ARTISTS AT BENDIGO REGIONAL ARTS CENTRE, VIEW STREET

The Victorian Welsh Choir with supporting artists will be performing 'Sing A Song Of Britain' as detailed above.

COST: \$20.00 per person. Individual bookings may be made at the Bendigo Region Arts Centre (we do not have an organised function for May.)

**Thursday 24th June, 1999 "XMAS IN JUNE" DINNER/ENTERTAINMENT
LOCATION: BENDIGO REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF TAFE RESTAURANT**

** An excellent meal served by TAFE Hospitality Centre.

**This by popular demand is being arranged by Cliff Binks.

COST: Approximately \$18.50 per person, this includes meal and entertainment.

PAYMENTS: May 19th meeting please. Maximum: 80 Current: 67



Sunday 25th July to Sunday 8th August, 1999 TRIP OF THE YEAR

** To Southport (Gold Coast, Queensland) - Harbour Side Resort for 15 days/14 nights.

**Depart: Sunday 25th July, 1999. Return: Sunday 8th August, 1999.

NOTE: Coach departs from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street at 9.00 am on Sunday 25th July for Melbourne Airport.

SUNGOLD PACKAGE: Which includes accommodation (twin share), private facilities, dinner, bed, breakfast, morning tea most days, .

LUNCHES: First week - 2, Second week - 2, Tours on 5 days each week.

** TOTAL COST: Package price \$1,410.00 per person.



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Total \$1,410.00 (A deposit is required of \$35.00 + Air Fare \$382.00= Amount Due of \$993.00 per person.

Payment required no later than 16th June Meeting. Cheque made out to Probus Club of Bendigo.

MAXIMUM: 49 CURRENT: 47 Vacancies available on quick response, for either 1 Male, 1 couple or 2 Females (twim share).



NEW ZEALAND TRIP: Either Autumn or Spring of Year 2000

Evergreen Tours Australia – Excellent group prices.

**Evergreen Australian and New Zealand brochures distributed at March 17th meeting, more copies are available.

**Prices of group travel starting with 10, average 14% off brochure price. Further concessions gained at 16, 36 and 37 travellers, depending upon trip selected and the duration of trip, total concessions up to approximately 20%.

Also included in price: Trans Alpine Rail Tour and Australia Airport Departure Tax.

****CURRENT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: 50**

If 15 people or more book to travel and deposits paid prior to September 1st, then price quoted will be frozen, if 35 people or more travel, then we can select own departure date with coach for our group.

**QUESTIONNAIRES: Have been prepared and sent to all on listing, please return to Arthur Eaton, 4 Maxwell Crescent, Bendigo by Monday 17th. More information at May meeting.

***Further expressions of interest are invited.

**To assist collectors, please tender correct money. If payment by cheque, please ensure details written on back of cheque.

Arthur Eaton
Tours Organizer

The editor wishes to thank all those who contributed to the reports.

