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

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With the end of Summer Time and the return to Standard Time meetings will now commence at 10.00am.

200TH MEETING

The meeting this month will be No. 200 and to mark the occasion there will be **A SPECIAL LUNCHEON.**

Following the monthly meeting, which will commence at 11.00am and finish in time for pre-luncheon drinks at 11.45am, the first course will be served at 12 noon. Member's partners are invited.

Our guest speaker will be Eric Van Leeuwen

200TH MEETING LUNCHEON ARRANGEMENTS

1. Entry is by ticket only
2. The regular business meeting starts at 11am
3. Dress: Lounge suit with tie, Members partners are welcome
4. Pre-luncheon drinks at 11:45 am. Sherries and wine supplied. For Luncheon, BYO drinks, tea and coffee supplied
5. First course served at 12 noon
6. The normal meeting fee of \$2 applies to members, not visitors
7. Guest Speaker: Mr. Eric Van Leeuwen, Immediate Past president, Probud Centre - South Pacific Inc.
8. Closure 2pm - 3pm
9. Seating is allocated, you will be informed on entering. The allocations are to be observed, please
10. Stewards and cleaners: Ron Twitt (J.I.C.), Bryan Armstrong, Ken Coles, Alan Court, Arthur Eaton, Ken Gloster, Max Hallett, Bruce Michelson, Peter Randall and Bryan Clemson
11. Any needs for transport, ring Cliff Binks Tel: (03) 5443 5281

Members wishing to pay overdue subscriptions should put \$20 (cash or cheque) in a named envelope and hand it to the treasurer.



At the April meeting our Guest Speaker was introduced by Hugh Ward. He was Lance Cooke who is a volunteer Ambassador for the Victorian Organ Donation Service. He was accompanied by Lynne Yates who three years ago was the recipient of a heart transplant. Every year since, on the anniversary of the operation, Lynne has a birthday party for her heart.

Thanks were conveyed to the two by Bruce Michelsen.

VICE PRESIDENT – the club now has a V.P. Alan Court has been persuaded to occupy again the position he had four years ago.

RECRUITMENT – At present the club is down on members due to several causes. Members are urged to bring new candidates along.

SICKNESS - Alistair McLean is still recovering from a massive heart attack, and we regret to report that his wife Betty has passed away.

Len Roy is recovering from a knee operation and may be home again by this time.

Bob Holmes is still in Mt Alvernia and is not well.

Carol Chenery was taken into the Base Hospital and is still under observation undergoing testing at the time of writing.

BOWLS NOTES

Our last match for the current season was the annual grudge match against Sandhurst Probos and was played at Woodbury last month. After a titanic struggle scores were tied 72 shots all at the end of play. This was a great result, as Bendigo were the holders of the trophy from last season we retain the honours.

The game was played in beautiful autumn weather and the Woodbury green was a credit to the club. I would like to thank all our Bowling Members who made themselves available when picked to play, sometimes at short notice; this makes my job so much easier.

Our best rink against Sandhurst was skippered by Peter Bath with Arthur (trips) Eaton and Zane Hughes. Our next match in the new season will be in October so keep practicing.

Bill Clemens



TRIP TO SOUTHPORT

(GOLD COAST Q'LAND - SUNGOLD HARBOUR SIDE RESORT)

SUNDAY 20th JULY to SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2003. - 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS.

****Sungold Harbour Side Resort is a ****4 Star R.A.C.Q. rated Resort.**

SUNGOLD PACKAGE: All inclusive: Air Fares, Accommodation Twin Share, private facilities, all meals (some lunches), Coach Tours on (4 days each week, Entry Fees), Coach transfers in Queensland and a special Jupiters Casino "high quality Live Show"
****Opportunities like this seldom come along. We had a similar trip to Sungold in July/August 1999 when (43) travelled & they voted the holiday "our best in every respect," ask around, don't miss out.**

****SUNGOLD 15 DAY/14 NIGHT PACKAGE:**

****Accommodation, Meals, Tours:** \$649 x 2 weeks = \$1298 + \$70 = \$ 1368 per person

****AIR FARES:** Melbourne to Coolangatta & return.

(Quantas Senior Flyer/Flexible = \$428 + \$91 taxes

= \$ 519 per person

****Special casino live show:**

= \$ 30 per person

TOTAL COST SUNGOLD 15 DAY/14 NIGHT PACKAGE

= \$ 1917 per person

**** Add Transport Road Coach Bendigo to Melbourne and return (based on 40)**

**** As under (40 travelling on trip,) road Coach Costs:**

= \$ 36 per person

= \$ 1953 per person

For those who have already booked
and paid the \$50 Deposit/person & \$519 Air Fare/person.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: Due for payment by or at the 18th June Probus meeting.

SUNGOLD HOLIDAY = \$1348.00 per person

** Payments by Cheque made payable to 'Sungold Holidays.' Arthur to collect the Cheques, collate and then forward on to Sungold.

ROAD COACH FARES: Also due for payment by or at the 18th June Probus meeting. = \$36.00 per person

** (In this case payable to Probus Club Bendigo as our Club pays the coachline)

BOOKINGS: Maximum: (40) Current Bookings: (35) Additional Bookings are invited, members from other Probus Clubs welcome. Brochure/itineraries available.

** The cut off date for bookings is fast approaching for this highly recommended trip. Enquiries to: Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162

REPORT: TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL FLOWER and GARDEN SHOW. THURS, 3RD APRIL 2003

A group of 45, comprising 12 members of Bendigo Probus Club, with 4 of their friends, together with 29 members of Sandhurst Probus participated in this outing. (On this occasion Sandhurst Probus Club organized the trip.) Following departure at 7.30am we travelled through to Taylor's Lakes where we had a morning "Cuppa" at McDonalds.

We arrived at the Melbourne Exhibition & Carlton Gardens, the location of this International Spectacular and one of the world's great horticultural events, at approximately 10.00am. On entry were given an Official program & Guide in order to find our way around the multitude of exhibits located over a vast area.

Exhibits were brilliant, of wide ranging variety and they showcased the best Australia has to offer in the way of plant and flower growers, landscapers and florists. Both the inside of the Exhibition Building and the adjacent Carlton gardens were packed with a kaleidoscope of colour.

While the show exists primarily to inspire gardeners and lovers of plants, it is also an event for designers, nurseries and florists to show their talents. There were large numbers of garden experts on hand and among them were some of the well known T.V. gardening Presenters, and best of all they were eager to share information. Two Bendigo Nurseries were on display, McDonalds and Robbins.

The show presented a great opportunity for our "keen gardeners" to learn of the new varieties of plants and flowers which are available and garden techniques. There was an abundance of bulbs and plants available for sale.

After an enjoyable and informative day we departed for home at 3.30pm and arrived in Bendigo on time at 5.45pm. We enjoyed meeting with and sharing the outing with our Sandhurst friends.

Our thanks to our Sandhurst Trip Organisers Max Williams and Allan Johnson.

Our very capable Coach Captain Trevor Dickenson, was as always most pleasant, helpful and co-operative. Thanks Trevor.

Arthur Eaton.