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**Our Guest Speaker for May 19th meeting will be  
Mr. John Kneebone, his subject being  
"Barmah National Park & Forest".**

John Willis, ably assisted by Pauline Ling, gave us an insight to a valuable service working in our community. A service, which very few knew anything about.

"Golden City Support Services" has most of its funds provided by State and Federal Governments and is governed by a local board. Its purpose is to provide appropriate support and accommodation, where needed, to people with a very wide range of disabilities.

We were reminded that we might all need support at sometime! The types of disabilities range from acquired brain injury through psychiatric, intellectual learning difficulty, sensory, physical, dementia, neurological impairment, to the frail aged and terminally ill. It is recognised that carers of the frail aged and terminally ill, also need support.

Golden City Support Services started 25 years ago with two staff members. Now there is a staff of 180 caring for over one thousand in this region.

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Where possible those in care are housed in a situation, as near as possible to that of the normal home. In Bendigo, there are two respite houses for those in need of short-term accomodation and nine homes for permanent accommodation, housing some thirty people.

It is the aim of Golden City Support Services to enhance the life style of the disabled and where possible, to develop their creative potential.

Bob Chenery thanked the speaker and made the usual presentation.

*Reported by: Norman R. Dack.*

## 2004 - 2005 Committee

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<b>Vice-President</b>	Bryan Armstrong
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## Program Time Schedule (Approx)

8.45 am	Committee set-up room furniture
9.00 am	Start Committee Meeting
10.00am	Start General Meeting
10.30 am	Start Morning Tea
11.00 am	Start Guest Speaker
11.45 am	Thanks
11.50 am	Stewards (Clean up)
12.00 am	To Home

## TREASURER'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Some annual subscriptions are now due

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months . . .

### JUNE 2004

02	Jack Laidler	77
05	Clyde Mahar	82
05	<b>John White</b>	<b>80</b>
07	Ron Twitt	77
11	Alec Crothers	81
23	Ralph Michell	84
26	Ron Stanistreet	83

### JULY 2004

09	Jack Wallace	83
13	Ern Waterworth	83
20	Arthur Cowling	85
21	Peter Thornton	73



## SIGNIFICANT

*Wedding Anniversaries*

5 July Zelle and Ron Stanistreet 60 years wed



*Congratulations to all above.*

Note: If you don't wish your birthday published in the 'Probe' please advise the secretary.

# Food is an important part of a balanced diet.

Tomato Ketchup.

If you do not shake the bottle,  
None'll come and then a lot'll.

I hate graffiti - I hate all Italian food

My wife does wonderful things with left overs - she throws them out

Diets are for those who are 'thick and tired of it'

A man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them

## *The trials and tribulations of an artist:*

1. I read about an artist who drank 2 bottles of gold paint - he felt terribly guilty
2. Several artists don't make a success of art because they spend too much time drawing corks
3. And then the other artist who every time he visits his girlfriend he draws the blinds
4. It isn't enough nowadays for a girl to be as pretty as a picture - she has to have a nice frame too.

***Some people think football is a matter of life and death . . .  
I can assure you it is much more important than that.***



## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIPS INFORMATION

**LITTLE DESERT TOUR:** Tues 21st to Thurs 23rd September. (3 Days/2Nights)

Staying at Little Desert Lodge (Near Nhill in Victoria.) *Have you seen TV Advert?*

Maximum: (40) Current Bookings: (42)

\*\*\* Emergencies required:

**COST: \$264.00/Person. Includes: Road Coach, Accommodation (En Suite), All Meals, Entrance Fees. Single Supplement:** (If room on own, add \$40.00/person.)

The Little Desert Nature Lodge is a peaceful retreat located on the edge of the Little Desert National Park.

The Lodge offers comfortable facilities, warm hospitality and a memorable environmental experience. Set in natural bushland of 117 hectares and managed since 1976 by local "living treasure" Whimpey Reichelt, **share in his knowledge and passion for the Little Desert. Our stay includes much variety.**

**On Day 1:** Some free time, at 8.00pm we are taken on a guided "Nocturnal Walk," see the nocturnal creatures of the bush including Sugar Gliders, Bettongs and Sone-Curlwews, listen to the many **sounds of the night.**

**Day 2:** A comfortable 4 WD Tour, we see many varieties of **Spring Wildflowers**, as well as birds & animals which inhabit the unique Little Desert Environment. We have lunch in the bush with "billytea" After dinner Whimpey will show a Video Presentation "Whimpey's World - Little Desert Flora & Fauna" with particular focus on the Malley Fowl bird. (An excellent video.)

**Day 3:** At 9.00am, after breakfast we depart for a tour of the Mallee Fowl Sanctuary, a protected habitat which provides a rare opportunity to see these mound building birds in the wild. A Light Lunch will be provided prior to our **departure from the Lodge at 12 Noon.**

*This will be an excellent trip, with much of interest for all, and taken at a relaxed, leisurely pace.*

**LIST:** Again available at meeting Wed 19th May. \*\* **FULL PAYMENTS: At meeting 21st July.**

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIP TO CANBERRA - 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS**

**MONDAY 22nd TO FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2004**

*Based on Minimum of (35) to travel. Max: (49) Current expressions of interest (40)*

\*\* **Confirmation of bookings 19th May meeting please.** \*\* **COST: \$457.00 per person (Twin Share)**

\*\* **A Single Supplement** of \$140 would apply if request for a room on own.)

\*\* **Cost includes: All Coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees and Lunches on days 2,3,4.**

\*\* **The Itinerary includes visits/hours to: Royal Australian Mint, National Capital Exhibition, Southern Cross Cruise, Cockington Green, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Screen Sound Australia, High Court, National Gallery, Deep Space Complex. We will visit Mt. Ainslee for superb views of the City and one evening be taken to Telstra Tower to see the night lights of Canberra. During travel en route we will see the Dog on the Tucker Box and visit Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece near Gundagia.**

\*\* **The 5 Day/4 Night Canberra Tour Itinerary, ( which may be amended to suit.) will be available for your perusal/suggestions again at meeting on Wednesday 19th May.**

\*\* **Confirmation of Bookings: At 19th May meeting. On List of Names of those who expressed interest, please record your confirmation of booking in the appropriate column on the list**

\*\* **Deposits: \$50.00 / person at June Meeting. BALANCE/FINAL PAYMENT: Sep't 15th Meeting**

\*\* **Further expressions of interest are required for this Tour in order to cater for any cancellations, ( we can take up to (49 persons)**

\*\* **I seek the support of members, Friends of Probus Members are invited to join this trip.**

### **Probus Local Area Trip**

On Thursday 22nd April our Group of 18 consisting of Probians, wives and a friend of Probus departed at 8.45am from Crook Street for **what proved to be a most enjoyable, interesting and informative local area tour.** Our Coach Driver on this occasion was David Jackman of Bendigo Coach Lines. First visit was to **Confectionery Capers** which is situated 10km from Bendigo on the McIvor Highway. Upon arrival at 9.00am we were cordially welcomed by Owner/Operator Campbell Smith who outlined the essentials of Confectionery Capers. The name is a Marketing Theme, although lollies are in abundance, they are not the core of the operation which sets out to: 1. Challenge and make you think; 2. It emphasises the importance of the Humble Wheel (man's greatest invention), basic applied mechanics; 3. About the English language; 4. That Lollies are used as a Marketing Mode. **The wheel is the most important component of the operation of this attraction.**

The attraction was lively, creative, and imaginary, and most interesting, it is considered to be the only one of its type in the world. It was created, designed and constructed by Campbell and been open for 10 years.

Our next visit was to **Living Wings and Things** (located near the Bendigo Pottery) where we were met by owner Peter Hamilton. Upon arrival we were served Tea/Coffee and biscuits, at the conclusion of which Peter conducted our Group on a tour of the attraction. **The facility has:** 60 varieties of colourful birds in 30 aviaries (of which 2 were large walk in aviaries), an indoor tropical enclosure housing some unusual plants with seasonal butterflies. The animals included dingoes, wallabies and possums and the Reptile House a collection of lizards, python snakes and a crocodile safely housed behind glass. Peter possessed and infinite knowledge of the birds, animals and reptiles housed in the facility and gave an interesting commentary throughout the tour.

Our final destination was to **the House of Khong** for a Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch consisting of a variety of tasty dishes of which you could eat as much as you so desired.

**Summary:** Those who travelled on the tour and visited Confectionery Capers & Wings & Living Things were surprised at the high quality and amount of interesting things at both of these local venues. In short they deemed it to be a most interesting, informative and enjoyable outing with great variety.