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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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Tour organiser and Activities Co-ordinator Arthur Eaton, 4 Maxwell Crescent, Bendigo Phone: 5443 9162.

The guest speaker at the May meeting will be ?? Surprise, Surprise, come along and find out.

- Barry, O'B.

The April meeting was very well attended with the largest roll up for a long long time and it was pleasing to have so many ladies and guests present. President John introduced Cheryl Hartney who was representing Bendigo Community Care, which relates to services available to residents who are frail, aged, people with disabilities, Cheryl explained in detail regarding the large range of help available these include:

- General Home Care
- Food Services (Meals on Wheels)
- Property Maintenance
- Planned Activity Group
- Men in Sheds
- Occasional Care Program
- Volunteer Program
- Respite Care
- Community Development
- Transport Program
- Personal Care
- Senior Citizens Club
- Social Support
- Telling Project

All these services are manned by volunteers, Cheryl remarked that the men in sheds program is really going well, with two more venues planned.

For more information please contact: 5434 6422

City of Greater Bendigo Aged and Disability Services Department also provide a private home care service to people who are not eligible under the Home Community Care (HACC) Program.

Rupert Reynolds thanked the guest speaker and made the usual presentation

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED  
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

## Life Membership

President John introduced Allan Dingle one of our Foundation Members to the ladies and special guests including the City of Greater Bendigo Mayor David Jones and his parents Geoff and Margaret, also Hugh Wheeler from Bendigo Rotary. Alan Spoke regarding the service. Arthur has given to our Probus Club, including being a Foundation Member 1985, President 1987 and Tour Director for 23 years, he also mentioned the many achievements he has made since arriving in Bendigo in August 1969, just a few are listed at the conclusion of this report.

Hugh Wheeler the President of the Bendigo Rotary presented Arthur with a Life Membership Certificate, followed by the City of Greater Bendigo Mayor David Jones who presented Arthur with the Life Membership Medal.

Some of Arthur's other achievements are as follows:

### **Bendigo East Bowling Club:**

- Committee Member for 20 years
- Pennant Selector
- President 1976 – 77
- Secretary for 6 years 1984 – 1990
- Life Member

### **Masonic Lodge**

- Member for 56 years
- Master of Lodge 1977
- Citizen of the year Strathfieldsaye 1991
- Neighbourhood watch
- Foundation Member
- Member 1988 – 2008
- Received Award of Honour for Long Service 1988 – 2003



*- Photos by Norm Dack*

## WELFARE NEWS

This is the first in a new segment regarding sick members by our new Welfare Officer Peter Randall – Ph: 5443 3091. On or about the 16th April Bryan Clemson and Wal Spicer were both admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, also on the sick list are Dick Opie, Peter Goodrich and Maurie McDonald, we wish them a speedy recovery, more detail later.

*- Editor*

## Birthday Wishes

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

### JUNE 2008

- 02 Jack Laidler (81)
- 05 John White (84)
- 06 Allyn Fisher (78)
- 07 Barry Hargrave (76)
- 07 Ron Twitt (81)
- 11 Alex Crothers (85)
- 23 Ralph Michell (88)

### JULY 2008

- 09 Jack Wallace (87)
- 13 Bob McCaskill (86)
- 13 Ern Waterworth (87)
- 20 Arthur Cowling (89)
- 21 Peter Thornton (77)

Congratulations to all of the above.

Note: If you do not wish for your birthday to be published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

## Can you work this out?

9 12 11 14 13 16 15 18 ??

Using the above numbers, what is the next number?

- Bob. C

## Useless Information

- Bees have five eyes; there are three small eyes on top of the bee's head and two larger in front.
- India has the worlds largest stock of privately hoarded gold.
- A jiffy is an actual unit of time, thus the saying "I will be there in a jiffy"
- Next to man the Porpoise is the mos intelligent creature on Earth.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
- In English gambling dens they used to have employees whose job was to swallow dice if the police arrived.
- In 1801 20% of the people in the U.S. were slaves.
- Australian Chemist John Macadamia Discovered the Macadamia Nut.
- Male Cockatoos can be taught to speak, but females can only chirp and sing.

- Editor

## SNIPPETS

Noel Tamblyn the brother of our newest member Charlie was the piper who played at Arthur's Life Membership.

Rotary Australia has 5% of the worlds clubs, but the Probus Club in Australia has 50%

## Short Story by Ian Nixon

Ian told the members and guests at the April meeting, that while serving with the Air Force During WWII he and another friend who was also a Serviceman were driving past Buckingham Palace when they were held up in traffic chaos. His friend noticed King George in the grounds around the Palace, he duly left our car and proceeded to talk to his Majesty, after a few minutes my friend and the King walked towards the car with me still sitting inside, his Majesty put his arm through the open window and shook my hand and spoke of the wonderful help given to Great Briton by the Empire. To put it into Ian's Word "The King came to meet me, not the other way when most people go to meet the King"

- Editor.

## Bagpipes-an ill wind nobody blows any good

Although we associate bagpipes with Scotland, they were in fact introduced there quite recently, The Gaida, and similar less elaborate instruments, originated in Greece in pre Roman times, and are still played there today. It was a nice touch to have the bagpipes playing when Arthur Eaton was given the certificate of Life Membership at the April Meeting.

It reminded me of an Anzac parade I saw in Mansfield in 1936. The parade lined up in the main street with a brass band at the rear, VIP's, sundry others, returned soldiers, a pipe band and a group of light horse in the lead.

The horses had never seen or heard a pipe band before. When the pipers started, they rapidly headed for the horizon, disappearing over the hill on the outskirts of town. It was a least half and hour before the parade restarted with the pipe band at the rear.

If only the Turks had had a pipe band during the Crimean War! They could have easily reversed the Charge of the Light Brigade, and probably altered the course of history.

- Rupert R.

## Tuesday 29th July: Tour of Bendigo Bank - Lunch at House of Khong

**Maximum: (30) A relaxed, interesting and enjoyable outing.**

**Depart by Coach at 10.30am:** From Strath Community Ctr Car Park, Crook Street

**11.00am:** Conducted Tour of the Bendigo Bank.

At conclusion of tour, transported by Coach to House of Khong, 200 Hargreaves Street.

**12.30pm:** Chinese Smorgasboard Lunch (At House of Khong)

**2.00pm:** Depart from House of Khong - 2.30pm Arrive Strath Community Car Park

**COST:\$15.00/person Includes:** Coach Fare, Tour of Bank, Chinese Smorgasboard Lunch

**LIST:** At meeting 21st May: **PAYMENTS:** At meeting Wed 18th June

**NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR: (Eight Days) "In the Springtime -2008."**

Picture Postcard Scenery, much of interest, a great place for relaxation and discovery at a relaxed pace. Enjoy the warm hospitality of the Norfolk Islanders.

Full details available at meeting Wed 21/5/08 (Enquiries to Arthur Eaton: 5443 9162)