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**The Guest Speaker for May 20th meeting will be from Vision Aust.
Subject A For Eyesight**

John Higgs a Director from the Bendigo Art Gallery was the guest speaker at the April meeting and was introduced to the members by President Ern Holland. John spoke about how the Gallery had grown since it's beginning in July 1887 at the school of mines, moving to View Street in 1890. The most significant change was amalgamation with the City Of Bendigo Council. Forward planning of exhibitions was most important, E.G. The Golden Age of Couture was two years in negotiations, and attracted about 80,000 visitors also a lot of money into our economy, another large draw card was the Archibald Exhibition which attracted 40,000 visitors in one month, the latest Archibald Exhibition will be in Bendigo Art Gallery in the coming months. John concluded by saying the Art Gallery has 1,400 members, plus volunteers and any new members would be most welcome. After answering many questions from members, Bryan Clemson thanked John and made the usual presentation.

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

President's Corner

HELP



As your newly installed President I am concerned that after our recent AGM the following positions remain vacant!!! IE

Vice President – (President Elect), Guest Speaker Organiser and Two Committee members.

The previous holders of these positions will gladly assist anyone who takes on the roles. If our Probus club cannot elect a full committee “HOW CAN WE EXPECT TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS”

“YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU”

NEW PRESIDENT

Photo Showing immediate past President John White investing our new President Ern Holland with the chain of office.



FORWARD NOTICE - RE JUNE MEETING

The xmas function will be discussed, not in committee, but during general business, prior to morning tea break. A vote will be cast for or against. If you are unable to attend please register your vote with our secretary.

- Editor

SNIPPETS

An apology to Vic Canobie for omitting his name from our birthday list – HAPPY 88th. *- Editor*

VISITOR

Les Dwyer the Vice President from Gympie/Widgee Probus Club, he is in Bendigo visiting his son who is now residing here. *- Editor*

SIMPLE PUZZLE TIME – SOLUTION

666666

You were asked to write the number 6 six times as shown above. The write it (still with six 6's) in such a way that the total is 37.

66

Answer $6 \times 6 + 66 = 37$ Bub C

Statistics: You must be very careful when considering statistics.

For example:- The mathematician placed his head inside the hot oven, and his feet in a bucket of iced water and said “on simple average I should feel just fine.” *- Bob C.*

Foundation Members Luncheon

The May luncheon is to be at the Bendigo Club, following the Probus meeting on Wednesday May 20. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday May 18. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone 54432642. This helps to book for the correct number.

- Alec C.

Member Profile No.3

Thomas "Tom" Albert Roberts O.A.M. Foundation Member

Tom was born in Melbourne in 1921 and spent his early formative years in Seddon, he attended Yarraville West Primary School and spent his middle school years at Footscray Institute Of Technology. After six years at Footscray Institute, achieving Dux in his final year, he then proceeded to Melbourne University gaining his Bachelor of Engineering Science, he had already completed a Diploma Of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering. In 1941 he joined the Department Of Supply as a cadet engineer at the Footscray Ammunition Factory, during his time there he was sent to London for 18months and Washington for six months. Tom moved to Bendigo in 1974 to manage the Ordnance Factory, prior to this he was the manager of Port Melbourne Engine Works from 1961. Tom retired in 1985, and took up restoring antique furniture and dabbled with oil painting. He was the proud recipient of the Order Of Australia in 1985. Tom married Marjorie Mollars in 1947, who passed away suddenly in 2000, they have two daughters together with three grandchildren and on great grandson. Tom is now residing at "Bentley's Residential care and enjoying being lazy and well fed.



- Editor with help from
his Daughter Virginia.

IMPONDERABLES – ponder on these imponderables for a minute:

1. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
2. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
3. If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from an illness, does that mean that 1 out of the 5, actually enjoys it?
4. If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
5. Isn't having a "smoking section" in a restaurant, like having a "weeing section" in a swimming pool?
6. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
7. When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
8. Why then is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
9. Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
10. If 21 is pronounced twenty one, and 31 is pronounced thirty one and so on, why isn't the number 11, pronounced onety one?

- Warren W.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - MYSTERY TRIP WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE, 2009

Conducted by Australia Pacific Travel (Escorted by Fran Sirio.)

Depart: At 9.00am from Bendigo Rail Station Return: At 4.00pm to Bendigo Railway Station

Transport: By Luxury Road Coach (As arranged by APT.)

Maximum seats available: Current Limit of (25). Cost: \$25.00 per person includes: Luxury Coach Travel, Full Guided Commentary, morning tea & a very "Special Mini Opera Concert performed by the sensational Justin Carlevetti," plus tours & will be escorted by Fran Sirio.

**** Enjoy a day of fun and full of surprises in which Fran excels ****

Bookings for (25) have been secured for: B. Armstrong (1), Gwen Bloomfield (1), R. Chenery (1), W. Clemens (2), B. Clemson (2), A Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), K. Gloster (2), G.Himsworth (2), E.Holland (2), D. Laity (2), R. Michell (1), P. Randall (1), C. Slade (2), R. Watkins (2), H.Ward (1)

Emergencies: W. Winzar (1), Jean Goodrich. (1)

PAYMENTS: At Wed. 20th May Meeting. To aid the collector, please tender correct amounts.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - SPECTACULAR FILM SHOWING

By Cynthia & Rob Watkins

AT R. L. CAMPBELL THEATRETTE (In Hargreaves Street.)

SUNDAY 19th JULY, 2009 AT 1.30pm.

Bookings: Our Club has been allocated (40 seats) for Members & Partner/or Friend

Cost: \$5.00 per person includes: Film Show and A/Tea.

Screening includes: *Images gained by Rob & Cynthia during a recent 6 months driving tour of 23,000 km from Oregon to the Arctic Ocean in Alaska.*

Highlights include: *Attending a five day gathering of 2000 Indians.*

The Inside Passage: *3 Days to Haines in Alaska*

Close up encounters with bears, bull moose, Elk etc

Yellowstone National Park (Bison & Elk), Bryce Canyon

Teton National Park in full Autumn Colour - Reaching to the Arctic Ocean.

Program: Entry:1.30pm. Be seated by 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start

**** 2 00pm to 3.00pm Films:**

**** 3.00pm to 3.30pm Afternoon Tea & Socialise. (Afternoon Tea of: Tea, Coffee & Biscuits.)**

**** 3.30pm to 4.30pm Films**

**** 4.30pm Depart for home in daylight.**

The following (40 bookings have been accepted for Probuss Club of Bendigo.)

B. Armstrong (1), C. Binks (2), G. Bloomfield (1), N. Bruhn (2), Chenery (1), W. Clemens (2), A. Crothers (2), A.Eaton (1), R. Fitzgerald (2), K. Gloster (2), Jean Goodrich (1), M. Hallett (2), G. Himsworth (2), E. Holland (2), D. Laity (2), R. Michell (1), B. O'Brien (2), K. Proud (2), D. Ridge (2), R. Reynolds (2), A. Ryall (2), C. Slade (2) Y. Wallace (1). H.Ward (1).

PAYMENTS: At meeting Wed. 17th June, 2009.

Enquiries to: Arthur Eaton, Tours Organiser. Phone: 5443 9162

Note: *Bendigo Ladies Probuss Club* have organised a **Five Day Canberra Floriade Tour**

From Monday 14th to Friday 18th September Cost: \$550/person Twin share.)

bookings are welcome.

Contact: Organiser Marj Byrne. Phone:5474 8234 (Copy of Itinerary available at our meeting.)