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A special General meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
At 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**The speaker for the May Meeting will be Mr Paul Chapman
The subject will be "The Bendigo Turntable Company"**

President Ern Holland welcomed and introduced Don Challenger to the members. Don joined the British Army and served for some 22 years reaching the rank of Warrant Officer and had attachments to Infantry, Tank Corps and Airborne however he centred his talk on his experiences with the Gurkha Rifles attached to the British Army with whom he served in Hong Kong and Malaysia mainly. The origins of Gurkha service with the British crown go back to the Anglo Nepal war of 1814-16. Mutual respect grew from this conflict, and very soon Gurkhas were enlisted for service in the Army of the East India Company. Their first conflict was the Pindaree War in 1817, and this was followed by a succession of campaigns in which the reputation of the Gurkhas grew from strength to strength.

The Royal Gurkha Rifles was formed on 1 July 1994, after amalgamation of four Gurkha Regiments, 2 GR, 6 GR, 7 GR and 10 GR. All Gurkha soldiers are recruited in Nepal annually mainly from very poor young men whose age has to be guessed! The Royal Gurkha Regiment currently have a jungle role Battalion permanently based in Brunei and a Light Role Battalion in the UK. Out of 28,000 applicants last year, only 230 soldiers were enlisted. All Officers (British) are expected to speak Nepali and will attend a language course in Nepal. Don highlighted his talk with a slide show depicting the sacrifice of goats and water buffalos by the soldiers many of whom dressed as women so that dancing could take place!

**MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A FRIEND,
PAY FOR THEIR CUPPA, INTRODUCE THEM
TO THE BENEFITS OF PROBUS !**

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Probus (Bendigo) does NOT have to continue in decline **BUT** it does have to change.
We must work in harmony to - :

Streamline our operations, acknowledge that we have a problem, identify what it is AND be prepared to want to do something about it.

I suggest we need to put our house in order, sort out what we have and prepare our Club for the next wave of Inductees from a modernised (Contemporary) Society.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

“There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come”. Victor Hugo.

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing” .Edmund Burke

For those who may have seen the movie, “Field of dreams” you may recall that inspiring phrase “If you build it, they will come”

On the 19th of May when we celebrate our Jubilee Anniversary let us also celebrate the Birth of another twenty five years as a successful Probus Club.

WE CAN DO IT!

THANK YOU:

- The Committee and Members extend grateful thanks to our Honorary Member Mr. Peter Thorton for his continuing support and upgrading of our honour board.
- Our thanks go to Barry Hargrave for his excellent service as Editor of “Probe” for a number of years. Barry has handed over the reigns of editorship to Mike Watt however has volunteered to remain as a Committee member. *Good on ya Barry !!*
- The Guest Speaker Organiser position is now filled thanks to the very kind offer of assistance from Bryan Clemson ! *A Great Aussie Spirit !*

VACANCIES:

- **One position on the Committee remains to be filled ! Come on gentlemen, don't be shy, just pick up the phone and call President Ern to volunteer !!! Newer members are most welcome as their fresh approach would be an asset !**
- **At least twenty new Probians are required by our club ! Put your thinking caps on and bring that mate of yours along to the next meeting so we can share the delights of belonging to Probus !**

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day Gentlemen !!

MAY

9th Norm Dack
13th Alan Stephens
14th Ian Dean
26th Mike Watt
29th Bill Redmond

JUNE

5th John White
6th Allyn Fisher
7th Barry Hargrave
7th Ron Twitt
22nd Norm Gillies
23rd Ralph Michell

Computer Help :

Are you needing help with any computer problems or are you thinking of getting a computer or using your computer so you can have Email and/or Skype contact with your family wherever they are in the world but are scared/apprehensive to do so? Don't be scared or apprehensive, don't let the grand kids get the better of you, just give the Editor of Probe, Mike Watt a ring and I will ensure that you have the help you need in the simplest of ways and free of charge !!!! Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

CARAVAN GROUP ?

Any member interested in joining fellow members with caravans on short trips of a few nights only during the forthcoming year ? Please give your name to the Editor and we will see what can be arranged !

**Items for the next PROBE
Must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
The next meeting on 19th May**

Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

Your Committee is determined to ensure that we meet the following statement copied from the PROBUS Website: www.probus.com.au

TOMORROW'S VISION FOR ACTIVE RETIREES

"Probus meets the needs of retirees by providing opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests, stay healthy through activities, benefit from training programs, network between like minded people and enjoy the fellowship of new friends !"

HELP US TO HELP YOU—LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER HEAR YOUR SUGGESTIONS ETC.!!

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The description is a bit long winded, but the method is basically very simple, so come on chaps get the apron on and treat yourself and partner and / or family !

Equipment

Large heavy based saucepan

Ingredients.

1 1/2 cups of Long grain Rice

500gm mince.

Oil

1 onion finely diced

1 carrot diced to your liking.

1 packet, chicken noodle soup mix.

1 cup of hot water

1/2 medium wombuk (Chinese cabbage), finely sliced.

2 tbs curry powder (I use "Clive of India" brand)

salt n pepper to taste

Method

Cook the rice using your preferred method and set aside (do not over-cook). I use the absorption method.

Add oil to pan and cook mince on med high heat until browned, breaking up any chunks until all mince is a fine consistency.

Added 1 tbs of curry powder and stir in thoroughly for a minute or two.

Remove meat from pan and set aside.

In the same pan add the diced carrot and onion and cook until the onion is soft / translucent.

Turn the heat down and add 1 tbs of curry powder, mix in well for about a minute. It will tend to stick to the base so keep stirring/ scraping.

Add chicken noodle soup mix and a cup of hot water, stirring well to combine.

Return the cooked mince to the pan, stir in well. Simmer for 2-3 minutes.

Check moisture level. Add a splash of water as required. This is needed to steam the cabbage.

Add the cabbage and mix in well. Turn down heat, cover pan with lid and simmer to 5-10 minutes.

Check the cabbage is cooked to you liking. Simmer some more if still too crisp. Add more water if required. Just enough to allow steaming and prevent sticking and burning.

Check for seasoning as you go. Add salt and pepper as required or even some more curry powder.

At this point you want most of the water to have been steamed away.

Finally, stir in the rice. Mix it in well. Once the rice grains have taken on a yellow color, you are ready to eat.

Serve with crusty bread and a wine or two of your choice.

Should serve about 4 to 5 depending on second helpings.

Enjoy!

OUR CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

**ALL Members, wives/partners, friends and widows of our past members who still receive this Probe, are ALL most welcome to join with us in celebrating the Club 25th Anniversary at a SPECIAL TWO COURSE LUNCHEON \$16 per head
FOUNDRY HOTEL
WEDNESDAY 19th MAY 12.30pm (After our meeting)**

PLEASE RING THE SECRETARY FOR YOUR NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST !! Ph Bob 5442 4546

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**CLUB FINANCE : 1 Mar—20 APR General \$125.92 Tours \$2566.02
Banking — Cheque Account \$71.27 Cash Account \$2620.67
\$\$\$\$\$\$ Please pay your subs of \$35 as soon as possible ! \$\$\$\$\$\$**
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SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery !

EDITOR'S REQUEST:

This edition of PROBE is being produced entirely "In House" at ZERO cost to the Club and you will note some minor changes which I trust will be well received. This will save the Club a substantial sum of money ! I hope that future editions will improve further ! I ask that if you have any suggestions, requests, reports etc. for inclusion in Probe then please contact me ! **My email is mjwatt@dodo.com.au** My snail mail address is 4, McConnell Drive, JUNORTOUN, 3551 Ph 54493925

I know many of you have your own email and I ask that you PLEASE send me an email, straight away, with your name and email address SOLELY for our records. I promise not to send you spam ! Most likely just the PROBE to save the Club even more money !!

WHEN IT IS OK TO USE A SWEAR WORD !



**SATURDAY 3rd JULY 2010 SEYMOUR HERITAGE RAILWAY
HERITAGE TRAIN TO TOCUMWAL**
Departs from Seymour 8.40am. Arrive Tocumwal 11.30am.
(Rail travel charge: \$30.00/person)

It is anticipated special carriages on the train will include State Car No 4 (In which Royalty travels), and the former Spirit of Progress Parlour Car, both of which will be open for inspection during the journey.

On Train services: A Kiosk in operation during the train journey providing a range of snacks & refreshments. The train arrives in Tocumwal at 11.30am.

You will have 3.5 hours in Tocumwal, so you may decide to:

- ** Bing a Picnic Lunch and enjoy it on the foreshore of the Murray River
 - ** Do your own thing, OR ** Enjoy one of the Heritage Train Tour Options which may be available on the day. Tocumwal Festival ??:
 - ** Dependent upon interest received, Travel from Bendigo to Seymour & return would be:
 - ** If the numbers permit we will travel by Road Coach Bendigo to Seymour & return.
 - ** If numbers are small, then travel in Private Cars
 - ** I am waiting "confirmation of details" from the Seymour Heritage Railway.
- Current Bookings:** Ian Bennett (1), A. Eaton (1), Fay Harmsworth (3), Norm Gillis (1), Bruce Michelson (1), Hugh Ward (1), W. Winzar (1), Mike Watt (2)
List for further Expressions of Interest: At meeting Wednesday 19th May.

**MURRAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS - 5 DAY/4 NIGHTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA
DISCOVERY TOUR: CRUISE ON MURRAY RIVER - ALSO ADELAIDE & S.A.
TOUR**

FRIDAY 5th to TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2010 Minimum (10)

Price per Person: \$1868 Twin Share. \$2441 Single Supplement

Includes: Transport: Bendigo to Airport & Return, Air Fares: To & From Adelaide

Airport Taxes: Accommodation & Meals (both Boat & Adelaide), Cruising & Tours
as per the Itinerary.

(On this Tour: 2 Nights on the Boat & 2 Nights in Adelaide)

Includes a "Full Day Tour" from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island or
if individuals wish. To the Barossa Valley)

LISTING: At meeting Wed. 19th May 2010.

Deposits: at 16th June Meeting ** Copies of each Itinerary available for perusal

Current Bookings: (12) held for: I. Bennett (1), N Bruhn (2), A. Crothers (2), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), R. Michell (1), H. Ward (1), Geof Rumbold (2)

**"MARY POPPINS" A great Musical Show
SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2010**

Live Show Her Majesty's Theatre in Melbourne. - Show starts 2.00pm.

**COST: \$130/Person. Includes Coach Travel - Bendigo Coach lines - 93 Wood St. Bendigo
Theatre Entry with better seats in Dress Circle**

Depart Bendigo: Approx 9.30am. Return home by approx 7.00pm.

Currently: I have seats on hold with Southern Cross Travel. 93 Wood St. Bendigo 5446 7000

To book: Phone: 5446 7000 (Kirsty) Tell them you are in the Probus Club of Bendigo Group

PAYMENT: May be made personally at 93 Wood Street, or if by Mail: a Cheque made out To Southern Cross Travel. ** *If paying by Credit Card - 2.5% surcharge applies.*

*Note: If you wish to participate then **act now - seats on hold for a limited time.**

ALL TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Arthur Phone 5443 9162