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Our 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 18th May Meeting is to be
Paul Chapman from The Bendigo Turntable Company.**

Have you dined in a revolving restaurant way up high ?

**Stewards: Zane Hughes, Jack Kelly, Muriel Miller, Barry O'Brien,
Graham Osborne, Ron Pollock, Ken Proud.**

Our Guest Speaker at the April Meeting, Jacqueline Dinan on the topic of "Women On The Home Front During WWI" was introduced by Ern Holland. Her talk was exceedingly interesting and well supported by her Powerpoint presentation. Afterwards she sold autographed copies of her book to members. She was thanked by Dorothy Crothers and presented with a Probus coffee mug.

**NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP
Thursday 12th May at the Beechworth Bakery
10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!**

LADIES: You may like to swap your stick pin badge for a brooch or if you have not been given a badge let the secretary know and a brooch will be ordered for you.



MEMBERS:

NEW NAME BADGES

Available with pin \$8 or magnet fixing \$10
Order through Secretary.
(75mm x 25mm & has rounded corners)



**MIKE
WATT
BENDIGO**

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Thursday 12th May at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome! Any comments/suggestions phone Denise on 54493925

Luncheon For Members, Partners and Friends.

The May Luncheon is to be held at Brougham Arms, Williamson Street, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday May 18th. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 16th. May. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

LONERS GROUP

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett name.

COMPUTING WORKSHOP All places are filled and the next meeting is at The Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale Street, Bendigo at 3.30pm till 5.30pm on Monday 16th May. Phone Mike on 54493925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

MURPHY’S LAW FOR THE ARMY :

1. If your advance is going well you are walking into an ambush !
2. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire !
3. No battle plan ever survives contact with the enemy !
4. The buddy system is essential to your survival, it gives the enemy someone else to shoot at !

BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !!

MAY
 2nd Mary Caulfield
 7th Muriel Miller
 9th Norm Dack
 13th Allan Stephens
 14th Collin Adams
 14th Ian Dean
 26th Mike Watt
 29th Bill Redmond

JUNE
 1st Denise Watt
 5th John White
 6th Allyn Fisher
 7th Barry Hargrave
 7th Ron Twitt
 11th Dorothy Crothers }
 11th Alec Crothers }
 22nd June Fitzgerald
 22nd Norm Gillies
 23rd Ralph Michell
 30th Bev Bruhn



SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not feeling well and we wish them a speedy recovery

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.

2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50 Apr 46 **LETS MAKE MAY SIXTY + !!!!!!!!**

THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT AS YET PAID THEIR ANNUAL FEES PLEASE DO SO NO LATER THAN THE NEXT MEETING. CHEQUE OR CASH FOR EXACT AMOUNT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER FEE \$35 COMBINED MEMBER AND PARTNER FEE \$50. THANKING YOU IN ANTICIPATION.

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
 Wednesday 1st June
 Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email mjwatt@dodo.com.au

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Welcome Probians, the committee had our first meeting ,and we covered a lot of ground, with the addition of a few more reports, from the members and the alteration to the way the meeting was carried out, unfortunately we had to cover so much we run out of time and were not able to get through everything, but hopefully with a little fine tuning we will do a lot better next time. The guest speaker and her presentation of "Women on the home front" would have been very interesting to many of our members, who lived through that era, and they did a wonderful job in very difficult times, and it just goes to prove that we can't do without our women. As time goes by I will have more to say in my piece, but for now good health and fellowship.

President Ray

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Bendigo District Probus Meetings

Club	Date	Venue	Time
Sandhurst	1st Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	9.30am
Eaglehawk	2nd Mon	California Gully Mechanics Institute	10am
Bendigo Ladies	2nd Wed	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Kangaroo Flat	2nd Wed	K Flat senior Citizens	10am
Strathfieldsaye	2nd Thu	Uniting Church Hall Strathfieldsaye	10am
Golden Square	3rd Thu	Abundant Life CC McKenzie Street	9.30am
White Hills	4th Tue	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Strathdale	4th Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am
Spring Gully	4th Thu	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

For the benefit of newer members and to refresh the memories of our more established members I will try to have a few jottings inserted in each Probe.

HONORARY MEMBER: Yes we have one ! He is Peter Thornton and he is a Probian with the Probus Club of Strathfieldsaye. His previous vocation was "Signwriter" and Peter very kindly keeps our Honour Board upto date and never invoices us for the work. The Club chose to repay him by granting him ongoing Honorary Membership.

LIFE MEMBERS: Yes we have three ! Ken Coles, Bob Chennery, and Arthur Eaton. All three were granted Life Membership in recognition of their outstanding service to our Club. That outstanding service continues to this day as does their Life Membership with its ongoing benefits.

FELLOWSHIP: One of the keystones of Probus. In common with all Probus Clubs we have a variety of ways in which this is both developed and encouraged. The Probus Meeting Day is only just the START of the Probus Life....in common with all Probus Clubs we enjoy each others company prior to the start of a short General Meeting followed by a tea/coffee break before we have our Guest Speaker. Our Club has an outstanding record over the 25 years for its Guest Speakers the only meeting where we don't have one is the March meeting when we have our AGM.

Two years ago the dwindling numbers of our Foundation Members saw their After Meeting Luncheon numbers, which included their wives, likewise dwindle and thanks to Dorothy Crothers the After Meeting Luncheon was opened up to ALL members and their partners. A different venue each month adds variety to an excellent Fellowship session when we really get to know each other. Give Dorothy a ring and come and join us and bring your partner as well. A great way to round off our meeting day.

Arthur's incomparable history of day trips, long tours, overseas travels, have without exception been enjoyed by one and all and a great way to foster Fellowship. If you are one of those members who have never been on one of the Clubs trips or excursions, long or short, you are missing out on the experience of a lifetime.

The introduction of Lady Members to our Club has been a Godsend in many ways and one of these new lady members, Denise Watt, has started the monthly Morning Coffee and Chat Group open to all members, partners and friends. Meeting at the Beechworth Bakery at 10.30am on each Thursday in the week immediately before our Probus Meeting. Hope to see you there at the next one on Thursday 12th May !!!!

**MINUTES OF THE 283rd GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE
WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2011**

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 46 members and 1 Guest attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 10 members: J Aitken, C Bird, K Crouch, F Himsworth, J Kelly, M. McDonald, M Miller, P Randall, A Ryall, B Smith, R Twitt, H Ward.

GUESTS: Mike Denham

PRESENTATIONS PRESIDENT RAY presented Ern Holland with his Past Presidents Badge and Certificate of Service and Bob Chenery with his Past Secretary's Badge. Both gentlemen were soundly thanked for their service to our Club.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Ern Holland, Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

Computing Workshop has gone ahead

PO BOX opened 1379 Bendigo 3552

Probus Mugs and pens on back order.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: 1. APT sent to Arthur

Bendigo Motor inn offering function room

Ten monthly Bulletins from local clubs. In Probe where appropriate.

EMAILS 33 incl. Club Asys re renewal of software, Recognition ID re name badges (Several),

Rupert re Probe printing and 7 members re laptop

OUT: 1. Probus Centre Annual returns etc.

2. Probus Assoc of Vic annual affiliation

3. Consumer Affairs change of address and Public Officer

4. Mrs Leonard prospective member

5. Eaglehawk Probus re Information day registration

6. EMAILS 29 incl. Rupert reply, RecognitionID re name badges (several), re Laptop (several), 14 Probes by email,

Several re Computing Workshop and several re Coffee and Chat reminder

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by Don Ridge. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

Sample name badges and ladies brooch badges were circulated and orders taken.

The Committee had approved the purchase of a Club Laptop computer for the sum of \$638.45

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement as at 18th April 2011 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$999.57) (Total Expenditure \$1753.46) Account Balance \$791.35

Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$138.00) (Total Expenditure \$133.80) Account Balance \$2736.12

Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$777.47 Deposit a/c 2750.00

Welfare Officer ARTHUR EATON reported that both Ron Twitt and Hugh Ward were recovering.

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reported that the luncheons following the Club Monthly Meetings were proving popular with members. A variety of venues will be used throughout the year and members are encouraged to join in this excellent fellowship opportunity.

Loners Group ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm.

Bowls RAY FITZGERALD reported that he was awaiting replies from other Probus Clubs.

Computing Workshop/Probe/Website MIKE WATT advised that 12 members have enrolled in the Computing Workshop which is to be held monthly for the remainder of the year. 10 members attended the first session which went very well. Unfortunately there are no vacancies currently.

92 Probes are posted out each month and 15 are emailed to members. The emailing does NOT save the Club money as we get printed posting rates.

The Website is completely up to date and in its first 12 months has had 20062 visitors!

Coffee/Chat Group DENISE WATT reported that members were welcome to attend the Beechworth Bakery on the Thursday, prior to the Wednesday Probus Meeting, at 10-30 am. Good attendance had been experienced and an enjoyable time had been had by all. Next date is THURSDAY 12th May 10.30am.

Tours/Trips Report ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Collin Adams has volunteered to help Arthur in his role as Tours/Trips Organiser. Arthur moved "that all Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club "Probe" publication dated March 2011 be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond. (Carried)

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved Barry Obrien, seconded Rupert Reynolds "That the Guest Speaker for the May meeting be cancelled and that the fellowship session be extended to recognize the contribution to the club by Life Members". After discussion, the motion was not put to the floor however it was indicated that the Committee would consider the matter.

STEWARDS Ern Holland, Tom Iser, Doug Laity, Joan McDonald, Brian McGrath, Bruce Michelsen, Collin Adams.

CLOSE There being no further business, President RAY declared the meeting closed at 10-50 am.

Probus Club of Bendigo – Murray River Cruise, Sunday 24th April¹ to Saturday 1st May, 2011.
Report for Probe – submitted by Arthur Eaton, Tours Organiser

Our Tour Group of (14) persons comprised Probians from the Bendigo, Sandhurst, Strathdale and Spring Gully Clubs and some friends of Probus.

Travel to and from Murray Bridge was by private Cars. On our return journey, **ten of our party joined with nine Members of the Keith Probus Club for an evening meal** – both they and we were delighted, *in their eight years since formation, we were the first to call on them.*

Our 5 Day/5 Night Cruise was from Murray Bridge to Blanchtown and return to Murray Bridge.

*Our Boat, the Murray Expedition, had three decks and was most capably skippered by a very capable and friendly Captain Peter Thomas. The Cabins, Dining/Lounge Area, Decks- were all spotlessly clean. **Meals were of very high quality with much variety.** Other crew members were: Engineer, Chief Chef, Assistant Chef, Cruise Director and a Cabin Attendant. Each were multi skilled efficient ,co-operative toward each other, were very friendly and welcoming, and in all instances gave first class service to the passengers aboard the boat, ensuring hat our Cruise was a most enjoyable and memorable cruise.*

Total passengers (34):Included five Probians from **New Zealand**, and some from Queensland, also others were from both Queensland and N.S.W. – *our group made sure they met them all.*

Travel each day consisted of cruising up the Murray River, with various on shore dockings at Mannum, Swan Reach and Blanchtown, at which we were taken on escorted eco and other Coach Tours. We were also taken in a 20 Seater Flat bottom boat cruising the River and at Anna Branch with excellent Eco Commentary by Captain Peter Thomas.



ROGUES GALLERY !!

A most interesting, enjoyable and memorable cruise at a relaxed pace, shared with friendly people.

Brochures have been received from Entice Travel Services for the undermentioned China Tour. The information is included for the information of members., should any persons desire to participate, then they would need to arrange for their own bookings with Entice Travel..

ENTICE TRAVEL: CHINA – A TALE OF TWO CITIES - BEIJING & SHANGHAI

**** 11 DAYS** Departing 15th September, 2011

****** Personally escorted by Gwen Brash this being her 69th trip to China

**** COST: \$3395 per person Twin Share ex Melbourne. Single Supplement: \$550**

**** INCLUDES:** : Return Air Fare including Taxes, Internal Flight, First Class Hotels, Porterage, Meals as per Itinerary, English Speaking Guide, Ground transportation in Private Air Conditioned Coaches, Daily Sightseeing & Entrance Fees, Evening Entertainment as listed, Tips for Local Guide, Driver & Hotel Porters

For further information, copies of Itinerary, conditions, make bookings, etc.

Phone: 1300 055 290 or e'mail info@enticetravelservices.com.au

Note: I have two complete packs of Itinerary, Conditions, booking form. Phone Arthur 5443 9162

Probus Club of Strathdale.

Western Australia Wildflower Trip Departs 23rd August to 3rd September 2011

13 day fly/coach/fly Cost \$3740 (for 20 passengers)

Contact Glenda Holt Phone 5442 4973

Spring Gully Probus Club

Mauritius departs 29th June to 12th July 2011 (14 day/13 nights)

Cost: \$4195.00 plus \$500 taxes

Contact Margaret Jenkin Phone 5443 8089

MYSTERY TRIP - COMBINED WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS CLUB.

THURSDAY 19th MAY, 2011

Depart: 9.30am From: Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park – Crook St. Bendigo.

Return Home: By about 5.00pm. Note: Morning Tea at own cost.

COST: \$35.00 per person. Includes: Coach Fare, Light Lunch., Light A/Tea. & Entry Fees:

LIST OF BOOKINGS/PAYMENTS: (19) Bookings received from:

C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), R. Chenery (2), A. Court (1), A.Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), J.Goodrich (1), E. Holland (2), B. Hall (1), C. Thomson (1), M.Watt: (2), J. White (1)

Yet to Pay: R. Michell (1), Emergency: (B. Secombe (2)

COMBINED: XMAS IN JULY - WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS CLUB.

MONDAY 25TH JULY, 2011 AT "TANGLES"RESTAURANT IN CRESWICK

(Maximum Probus Club of Bendigo: (20-25) Pre Meal: Champagne, Orange Juice, Savouries

Fixed Menu: Roast Leg Lamb. Sweet: Xmas Pudding with Brandy Custard

COST: \$30/person for the Meal & Entertainment. ** Full details at 18th May Meeting.

TRANSPORT: If Numbers adequate will be by Road Coach. ** If numbers short-Private Cars

(13) Bookings received from: B. Clemson (2), A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), R. Fitzgerald (2), N.Gillies (1), R. Pollock (1) M. Watt (2), J. White (1), C. Thomson (1)

- ****Vacancies: Additional bookings invited – List at 18th May meeting**

PAYMENTS: At Meeting on 15th June To assist collector, please tender correct monies

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TUTANKHMUN/GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS

SEPTEMBER, 2011

Travel by Train:7.45am ex Bendigo. Return:3.15pm ex Melbourne (Use Concessions)

"The Splendour of Ancient Egypt" and a dazzling array of artefacts unearthed from the Boy King's Tomb.

(18) Expressions of interest received from: C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), R. Pollock (1) E. Holland (2), J.Mc.Donald (1), B.Mc.Grath (2) M. Watt (2), J.White (1), C. Thomson (1)

COST: Exhibition: \$25/p *Additional expressions of interest invited. List at 18th May meeting*

**PROPOSED COMBINED TRIP TO MELBOURNE WITH SPRING GULLY PROBUS
IN EITHER: OCTOBER Or NOVEMBER, 2011**

TRAMBOAT SPECIALS: HERRING ISLAND & BEYOND - Seniors \$40per person

Travel by Train: (Use Free or Concessions) Depart 7.45am Train. Return: 3.15pm ex Melb.

Cruise from the Docklands up through the city alongside Crown Casino, the Southbank Precinct, under Princess Bridge, past the Botanical Gardens and on to our stop at Herring Island, for approx 30 minutes. We then reboard and continue cruising upstream to Hawthorn. Our tour concludes with a cruise around New Quay and Waterfront City.

PACKAGE INCLUDES : Morning tea, Assorted slices, tea and coffee. Gourmet Sandwichs for Lunch. DURATION : 3.5 Hours CRUISE : Bendigo Probus Maximum: (20)

At 20th April Meeting (12) "Expressions of interest," were received from:

C.Adams (2), A. Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), R. Pollock (1) E. Holland (2), B.Mc.Grath (2) J.White (1), C. Thomson (1) **** Further expressions of interested invited.**

Advance Notice:

CAPITAL THEATRE - BENDIGO TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2011. Show:11am

GASLIGHT THEATRE XMAS SHOW Afterwards Lunch (Own Cost) at Venue TBA

I have secured (35 tickets) Theatre Group Price: \$12/person. List: Oct, Pay: Nov. Mtg