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Bulletin of the Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Thanks to my Committee I feel that my first meeting as President went very well. We welcomed two new members, Ellie Stuart and Eileen McGrath and I hope they enjoy their fellowship with us. Thanks to Ern Holland for organising the interesting talk by Tish Lees who told us about growing up on a remote property in the Pilbara, Karratha Station which is now a busy mining and shipping port. The walking group has got under way and has walked round Lake Weeroona the last two Fridays as I write. Fifteen members have enjoyed the pleasant walk and coffee afterwards. Whilst the weather remains mild I encourage more members to take part in this healthy and relaxing exercise. Full details are elsewhere in this Probe. Hope to see you all at the LUNCHEON after the May Meeting, just ring Dorothy! Finally can I please ask all members who have not as yet paid their subs to please do so, Probus affiliation fees, insurance, etc. all have to be paid this month

*Regards and Thanks
President Noel Bruhn*

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Firstly let me say that I am delighted to tell you all that my health is much improved with the increased oxygen (and President Noel's special medicine!) and I am being referred to the Lung Clinic at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne to be assessed for possible operations to increase my quality of life.

I am indebted to Brian McGrath who has taken to the role of Assistant Secretary like a duck to water and has lightened my load dramatically.

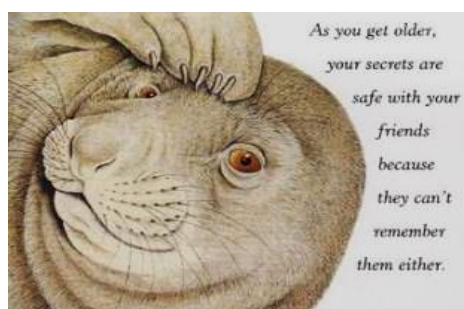
Members who have still to pay their Subs can do so by cash or cheque at the next meeting, by post to us at PO Box 1379, Bendigo 3552 or by direct debit to BSB 633 000 ACCT 3005717 REFERENCE(Your Surname)

Next Committee Meeting WED 9th May 2pm at Bendigo Neighbourhood House Neale St. All welcome.

Next Walking For Pleasure And Fitness this Friday 9.15am Lake Weeroona. Details inside Probe!

Next Sunday Lunch this Sunday at All Seasons 9am. Details inside, phone Denise if not on list.

Next Coffee, Cake and Chat Thursday 10th May Beechworth Bakery, 10.15 a.m. More inside Probe.



MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next will be Thursday 10th May at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!
Come and join the laughter and chatter!!

LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.

Luncheon after the May meeting (approx. 12.30pm) will be held at **The RSL**. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

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's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Again due to popular demand put Sunday 3rd June 9 a.m. in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. No excuses as this gives you PLENTY notice ☺

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for online computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem.

Garden Group: Secretary Mike will announce the first meeting date, time and venue at the May General Meeting.

Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

15 Eager walkers arrived at 9.15 a.m. for a 9.30 a.m. start for our first walking group, around Lake Weeroona. Arthur was there to check the walkers and friends in. After enjoying our walk we sat down for a coffee and informal talk at the Boardwalk coffee shop. Ron Pollock will be Arthur's Deputy, and it was suggested we try some other areas for our walks.

**Lake Weeroona car park, Nolan Road, will be the venue for Friday 4th May and Friday 11th May.
Kennington Reservoir, BBQ car park on Reservoir Road for Fridays 18th & 25th May, 1st 8th & 15th June
Rotary Park car park, Kangaroo Flat High Street for 22nd & 29th June, 6th & 13th July**

Anyone wanting to join in just arrive at the Nolan St. Car Park and check in with Arthur.

Our first walk was great and we all hope we can keep up the "pace".

In the event of heavy rain there will be no walking if in doubt call Arthur at 8am 5443 9162

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

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; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.

2012 Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65; Apr 53;

LETS MAKE MAY ANOTHER SIXTY + !!!!!!!!

BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!

MAY

7TH Pauline Brooks
7th Muriel Miller
9th Norm Dack
13th Alan Stephens
14th Collin Adams
14th Ian Dean
26th Mike Watt
29th Bill Redmond

JUNE

1st Denise Watt
1st Angela Lawson
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 enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery

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MINUTES OF THE 29th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 18th April 2012

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair. Brian McGrath Acting Secretary, Mike Watt at table.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 51 members and 2 guests (E.Stuart, E.McGrath) attended & were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 34 members: C.Adams, J.Aitken, G.Bloomfield, P.Brooks, M.Caulfield, N.Christie, J.Clark, B.Clemens, B.Clemson, A.Cowling, A.Crothers, N.Dack, I.Dean, N.Gillies, J.Hardy, Z.Hughes, T.Iser, C.Mclean, R.Michell, B.Michelsen, I.Nixon, B.Obrien, G.Osborne, B.Perrin, R.Reynolds, L.Roy, A.Ryall, J.Sanderson, D.Santon, B.Smith, C.Smith, L.Stork, C.Thomson, P.Thornton, R.Twitt, J.Wallace, Y.Wallace, H.Ward, J.White.

CLUB JESTER: President Noel introduced the Club to our Club Jester for the year BOB CHENERY who proceeded to spin a great yarn.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Act. Secretary, seconded by Denise Watt, Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- IN:**
- a. Two Membership Applications – E. Stuart and Eileen McGrath.
 - b. 6 newsletters from other Probus Clubs.
 - c. .Information Day – 29th May 2012@ Eaglehawk – Attendees – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Tours & Trips.
 - d. .Bendigo Masonic Centre – Re- Meeting Charge \$25.00 for use of Audio Equipment. Total including Rent \$85.00 monthly commencing April 2012 meeting.
 - e. Judy Lindsay – not joining Club.
 - f. University Student – survey of Senior Drivers
 - g. Probus Sth. Pacific – Annual Return Form.
 - h. Jim Aitken – paying 2012 subscription.
 - i. Equip for Life – offering Guest Speaker..

OUT: a Nil..

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Acting Secretary seconded by Denise Watt. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Secretary to write to Bendigo Masonic Centre accepting the increase of \$25.00 for use of hall facilities on condition the total cost of \$85.00 be to cover Hall Rent including use of Audio Equipment and not a \$25.00 increase specifically for the use of the audio equipment. Moved Mike Watt seconded Jill Adams.

REPORTS:

President. Nil.

Treasurer: Barry Coghlan moved that the Financial Statement distributed in Probe be received and approved, seconded by Don Ridge – carried.

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall .Nil.

Members' Luncheon. Dorothy Crothers advised the Secretary by mail that today's venue would be the RSL Club.

Loners' Group. Arthur Eaton invited any single member to attend - Each Thursday Evening @ Bendigo Club – welcome to all.

Bowls. Interested participants to contact him. Checking with VRI re game.

Computing Workshop/Probe/Website MIKE WATT advised that there would be no workshops this year; however he would still be available to members with computer problems/questions.

Coffee/Chat Group and Badger Denise Watt stated that the last gathering at the Beechworth Bakery was a success .The next one will be *Thursday 10th May* and advised members that the next Sunday Breakfast is to be held on **Sunday 6th May at The All Seasons, only \$12 for a full Buffet Breakfast.**

Tours/Trips . Ailsa Coghlan thanked members who completed survey – trips popular were Grampians in Spring, Theatre Matinees, Bright in Autumn, Ballarat Begonia Festival et al. Ailsa investigating The Ghan to Darwin in August.- attending info presentation re Proud Mary Cruise in 2013. Red Centre Tour – Probus Club of White Hills July/August. Contact Jill Adams or Ailsa if interested. Organising tour to Great Stupa at Myers Flat on 23rd May – car pool with friend.

Interested members to pay \$5.00 at May meeting. Ailsa moved "that all tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried.

Gardening. Yet to be organised.

Walking. Arthur Eaton stated that full details had been handed to all members as they entered today.

President Noel thanked all those giving reports.

MEMBER'S PROFILE: Dennis Crouch came forward and told members of his interesting life – chicken farming, tourism, motel management, walking, climbing, and canoeing.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Secretary. Nil.

Treasurer. Nil.

STEWARDS: Jill Adams, Ian Bennett, Bob Chenery, Barry Coghlan, Alan Court, Dennis Crouch

CLOSE: There being no further business, President Noel declared the meeting closed at 10-35 am.

CONFIRMED.....President `16th May 2012

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Profit & Loss [Cash]

1/03/2012 through 30/04/2012

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Income	
Subscriptions	\$1,495.00
Attendance Fees	\$565.00
Donations	\$80.00
Tours & Activities	
Total Income	<u>\$2,140.00</u>
Cost Of Sales	
Total Cost Of Sales	<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$2,140.00</u>
Expenses	
Venue Hire	\$156.00
Catering	\$224.00
Printing & Stationery	\$95.91
Postage	\$179.40
Affiliation & Insurance	\$938.00
Consumer Affairs	\$42.80
Badges etc.	\$232.07
Web Site	\$120.00
Miscellaneous	\$80.00
Tours & Activities	
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,068.18</u>
Operating Profit	<u>\$71.82</u>
Other Income	
Interest Income	\$32.50
Total Other Income	<u>\$32.50</u>
Net Profit (Loss)	<u>\$104.32</u>

Balance Sheet

As of April 2012

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Assets	
General Cheque Account	\$1,431.73
Term Deposit	\$2,750.00
Loan- White Hills Probus Club	\$200.00
Total Assets	<u>\$4,381.73</u>
Liabilities	
GST Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$4,381.73</u>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$4,277.41
Current Earnings	\$104.32
Total Equity	<u>\$4,381.73</u>

GENERAL A/c - \$1916-86
Tours & Activities - \$2464-87
\$4381-73

Tour and Travel Information:

Tours Running are:

Red Center Tour being organized by the Probus Club of White Hills for July August

Information Presentation on Wednesday 23rd May for the Proud Mary Cruise 2013

Cruise from Melbourne to New Zealand with Princess Cruises - 28th December 2012 to January 2013

Please contact Ailsa if you would like further information on any of the above.

MAY TRIP WITH OUR CLUB

A tour has been organized to visit the Great Stupa at Myers Flat on the old Sandhurst Town Site on Wednesday the 23rd May 2012

You will be shown a 5 min Video and be able to view the artifacts (as you are not able to wear shoes in this area please wear shoes that are easy to slip off)

We will have morning tea and then be taken on a tour of the Stupa 20 at a time (as this is a working area you will have to wear a hard hat). Wear sturdy shoes and warm clothes

You are to organize your own way there; maybe you could car pool with a friend, to arrive at 10.00 a.m.

Next Meeting we will collect \$ 5.00 per person from those who wish to attend.

If you need help with transport please let Ailsa 54437046 or Jill Adams 54436548 know well before hand.

National Seniors

Australia

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INVITATION FROM BENDIGO NATIONAL SENIORS to all Members of Our Club to attend the following:

The guest speaker for May 21st will be provided by the chemist at the Market Place.

The topic will be about medications that react with one another and other services that chemists can provide Seniors.

Meeting starts at 7pm. there is \$3 entry, 2 lucky-door prizes with tea and coffee afterwards.

They meet at the Kalianna School, on the corner of Prouses Road and Nolan Street.



I'm getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it

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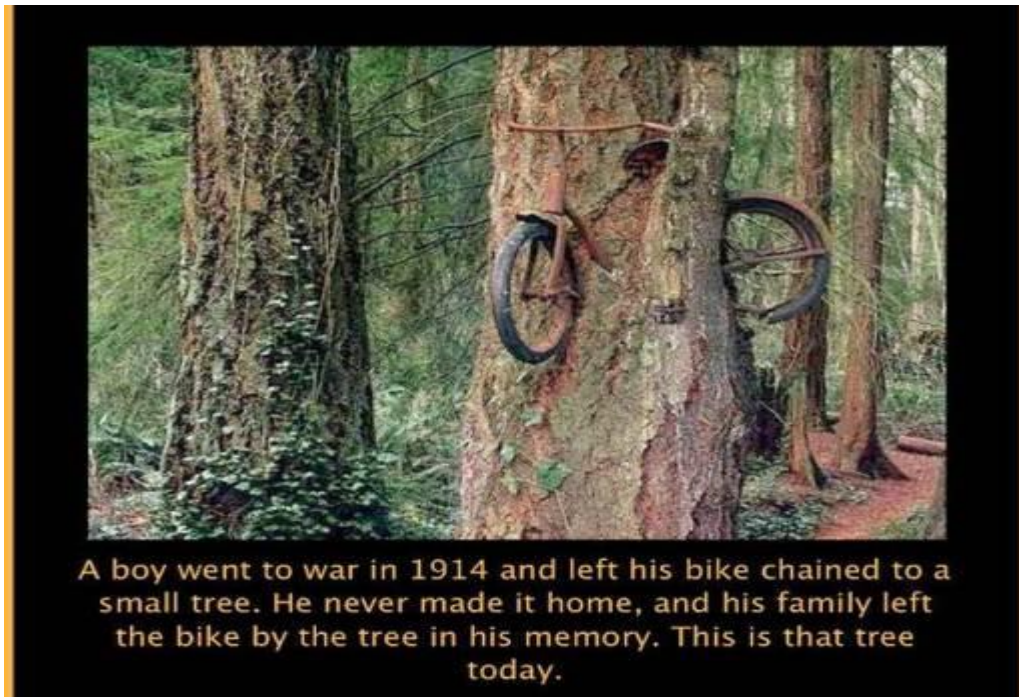
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Weekly price	\$20 per week	\$25 per week
Broadband	Fixed line ADSL Broadband Unlimited downloads	
Home Phone	Unlimited* calls to Australian numbers Unlimited calls to mobiles	
Mobile Phone	Unlimited* calls to Australian numbers Unlimited* calls to mobiles Unlimited* SMS	
Set Up Fee (one off)	\$90	
Contract Terms	You choose! 24 month contract or no contract with a \$90 exit fee	
Broadband Modem	FREE ADSL Modem	
Perfect...	if you want to save money on your bills and have unlimited use of your services	if you want to do more with your Internet such as use Skype and watch catch up TV

The Mobile phone does not include Photos send/receive however this can be had for an extra \$1/wk. THIS DEAL IS ATTRACTIVE TO YOU EVEN IF YOU DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE INTERNET!!!! MIKE RECOMENDS THE \$25/WEEK DEAL + THE EXTRA \$1 FOR PHOTO SENDING/RECEIVING ON MOBILE!



Survey
 Excellent
 Very good

Take Part in Research on Senior Driving!

Do you modify your driving as you age?

Deakin University is currently conducting a new research project studying how senior drivers use strategies to modify their driving as they age. The main aim of the study is to understand differences in the driving choices of drivers with cognitive decline to those without.

We are seeking drivers who meet the following criteria:

- Current drivers aged greater than 65 years old who believe they do not suffer from any cognitive impairment.
- Drivers who have a family member/friend who is familiar with your driving who is willing to comment on your driving.

What is involved?

If you agree to take part, we will invite you to participate in:

A telephone survey in which you will be asked questions about your general health and wellbeing, driving experience and strategies you may use when driving.

You are asked to nominate a spouse, other family member or friend who is familiar with your driving as a passenger. They will be asked about their experience as your passenger.

How long will the session take?

The Driver Interview: No more than 20 minutes and can be completed in two calls if you prefer.

The Passenger Interview: Approximately 5 minutes.

If you would like to take part please contact:

Anna Devlin (Doctor of Psychology Candidate) on: 0413 735 367 or email: aldev@deakin.edu

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I love the informality of Mike in conversation with Brian.....Hair not combed.....tie not straightened. I am taking the cowards way out, by the time this is screened at Probus, we will be on our way to Cape York. South America may have been a smarter choice. Warm wishes to all members, Rob & Cynthia.



The Speaker for the 16th May
Friends of Vellore Victoria talk by Louise Joy
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!
(No excuse now for not attending.)

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
Tuesday 29th May 2012

Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email editor@probusclubofbendigo.com.au

NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP
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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
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