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Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

The President regrets that he has been too busy with community affairs to get a Presidents Piece for this Probe. He promises to volunteer for stewards duty at the next General Meeting as penance!

Regards and Thanks
President Ken Crouch

SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

Two weeks respite in Bentley's have created a backlog which is slowly getting whittled away! Sorry for the lateness of PROBE!

PSPL have sent out their version of the Club's Constitution however it has not as yet been approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), I am not even certain they have submitted it yet for approval, we will wait until CAV gives us the go ahead!

Jillian and Collin Adams have been appointed to the Management Committee and have volunteered to jointly be Minute Secretary

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Fees: Any subs still outstanding MUST be paid by or at the May General Meeting! I will be sat at the welcome desk at the meeting. If you wish to be non active contact Secretary Mike 54493925 as soon as possible. Non payers will have their membership ceased.

Bob Santon, Membership Officer

SICK LIST: Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!

MAY		JUNE	
7 th	Pauline Brooks 14 th	Collin Adams	1 st Denise Watt 11 th Dorothy Crothers
7 th	Muriel Miller 26 th	Mike Watt	1 st Angela Lawson 11 th Alec Crothers
9 th	Norm Dack 29 th	Bill Redmond	5 th John White 22 nd Norm Gillies
13 th	Alan Stephens		6 th Allyn Fisher 22 nd June Fitzgerald
14 th	Ian Dean		7 th Barry Hargrave 23 rd Ralph Michell
			7 th Ron Twitt 30 th Bev Bruhn

A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you!"

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fourth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your Blessings," said a woman cheerfully - - - "thank God we can all still drive."

Members, Partners and Friends Luncheon

The luncheon to be held after the May 15th General Meeting will be held at The RSL, Havilah Road. All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy Crothers on 5443 2642, likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

FRIDAYS: 17th...24th...31st of May & 7th... 14th of June. 10am prompt at the Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre car park, Browning St, K.Flat.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ANYONE NEEDING TRANSPORT PLEASE CONTACT BOB.

Contact: Bob Santon 5447 1914

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next on **Thursday May 9th at Strath Village at 10.15 am**, see you there!

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

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:

Put **Sunday 11th August 2013 at 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road**. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN THE MONTH TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNION GOERS☺

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem or request. 54493925

19/11/2013 – 2/12/2013 DAWN PRINCESS CRUISE 13 DAYS MELBOURNE – NZ – MELBOURNE OPEN TO ALL PROBIANS &/OR FRIENDS OF ANY CLUB

 **13 Days** **New Zealand**
Dawn Princess
Roundtrip from Melbourne, Australia

Ports: Melbourne, Australia | Auckland, New Zealand | Tauranga, New Zealand | Napier, New Zealand | Wellington, New Zealand | Akaroa, New Zealand | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Fiordland National Park, New Zealand | Melbourne, Australia

*Fares are per person, double occupancy. View pricing terms >

2013 Nov: **19**

Add To Compare Hide all fares for all staterooms

Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013 Dawn Princess	Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Mini-Suite	Suite	Select
Launch Fare	\$1,856.42*	\$2,456.42*	\$3,116.42*	\$5,356.42*	\$7,156.42*	
Your Fare	\$1,599.42*	\$2,299.42*	\$2,399.42*	\$3,899.42*		

Gov't Fees and Taxes included: \$247.42*

Please note that prices are listed per person and based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to change based on availability. Prices shown in AUD.

How To Make Bookings

To make bookings on our group contract it is important either yourself or Mike/Denise call on 13 24 88 to make the bookings. Prior to starting the booking process the following information needs to be advised to our reservation staff to ensure we quote and book on your group:

- **Agency ID: 00170605**
- **Group ID: TVG**
- **Cruise Number: D319**
- **Name of Group: Probus Club - Bendigo**

To make bookings the following

information is required for each individual:

- **Name as per passport**
- **Date of Birth**
- **Phone Number**
- **Address**
- **Bedding configuration (twin or queen)**
- **Preferred Dinner time (1st sitting at 5.30pm and 2nd sitting at 7.45pm)**
- **Mike and Denise have 1st Sitting**
- **Requested Table Size (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)**
- **Any medical and dietary requests**

When the booking is made a booking number will be advised and booking confirmation sent. Deposit (20%) for each booking will be required within 3 days of booking and final payment will be due 6 September 2013. We require each booking to complete cruise personaliser via www.princess.com (Mike can help with this if required.) Any questions or help required Contact Mike or Denise 54493925.

CLUB ACCOUNTS Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.

Finance Report April

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<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Period Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Attendance Fees	265.00	0.00	265.00
Donations	10.23	0.00	10.23
Tours & Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Badges Etc. RDU & PSPL	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computing Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	1,455.00	0.00	1,455.00
INCOME TOTAL	1,730.23	0.00	1,730.23

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>Period Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Printing & Stationery	28.73	0.00	28.73
Catering	108.00	0.00	108.00
Incorporation	50.10	0.00	50.10
Tours & Activities	440.00	0.00	440.00
Badges etc-RDU	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computing Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	120.00	0.00	120.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	264.00	0.00	264.00
Publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site	0.00	0.00	0.00
Affiliations & Insurance	48.60	0.00	48.60
Venue Hire	96.00	0.00	96.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	1,155.43	0.00	1,155.43

Total Income 1,730.23
Total Expenditure 1,155.43
Surplus / Deficit 574.80

Transaction Bank Cleared Balance 4,260.45
Transaction Bank Uncleared -258.70
Savings/Deposit Bank Account 140993049 2,750.00



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.
HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 17TH April 2013**

The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Ken Crouch in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 53 members and 2 guest attended and were welcomed by President Ken. Apologies were recorded from 30 members. C&J Adams, Jim Aitken, Jean Andrews, Clare Bird, Nigel Christie, Bill Clemens, A&B Coghlan, A Cowling, A&C Crothers, Ian Dean, Allyn Fisher, Norm Gillies, J&K Gloster, Bet Hall, John Hardy, Barry Hargrave, Ern Holland, Kath Holland, Zane Hughes, J&M McDonald, Colin McLean, Ralph Michell, Bruce Perrin, Len Roy, Denise Santon, B&C Smith, A. Stephens, Lynwood Stork, Elaine Stuart, Carmel Thomson, Yvonne Wallace, Hugh Ward, John White.

GUESTS: Roy Lowe, Val Ryan.

CLUB JESTER : Bob Chenery provided light relief with a well chosen joke.

CONFIRMATION: The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by Secretary Mike, seconded by Peter Randall. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN

1. 6 Newsletters + 4 by email
2. PSPL Chair re Constitution of PSPL
3. PAV re future events and resignation of Denise & 1 other from Committee
4. RDPC re info days
5. Loddon Mallee Carer news
6. PSPL Reform Group re formation and intent.
7. Yvonne Wallace subs.
8. Email Jim Aitkin apply for non active.

OUT

1. Condolence card to Arthur Cowling.
2. Email to PAV re Denise and asking for reinstatement.
3. Numerous internal emails of no real significance.

Moved by the Secretary and Seconded by Faye Himsworth "that the correspondence as read be accepted", Carried

Matters arising:

IN

1. Denise's resignation and request for reinstatement
2. RDPC info days President, Secretary and Treasurer to go.
3. PSPL Reform group. Committee agreed to support and donated \$100 including the joining fee and president of the day to be the voting representative of the Club if necessary.
4. Jim Aitken reapproved as non active.

OUT

1. Email to PAV asking for reinstatement of Denise.

General Business:

Barry O'Brien and endorsed by Faye Himsworth requested an explanation of Dorothy Crothers withdrawing her nomination for Presidency. President Ken Crouch responded appropriately and said Dorothy may well accept some time in the future.

REPORTS:

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall reported John Hardy ill in hospital. .

Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance over the phone. Members with Internet encouraged to visit Web Site.

Coffee Group /Chat and Badger: Denise Watt - the next gathering is at Strath Village on 11th April 2013. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on Sunday 5th May 2013 at 9.00am.

Ladies only Luncheons Denise reported due to lack of support future luncheons are in limbo.

Tours & Trips Bill Redmond reported on the arrangements for the Williamstown trip and moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainments details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Arthur Eaton. carried.

Walking Group: Bob Santon reported on the increasing support for the Friday morning walks. Full details are in Probe.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards.

CLOSE: President Ken thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.35 am.

GUEST SPEAKER. Ken Johnson and his wife gave an enthralling talk about his trekking experience with his donkeys. Denise Watt Introduced and thanked Ken on behalf of Bet Hall.

CONFIRMED.....President 15th May 2013.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMME

May 2013

TRIP TO CHANNEL 7 & WILLIAMSTOWN. No report submitted However rumour has it that it was a great event, well organised, enjoyed tremendously by all who attended. Great effort Bill, well done!

JOINT BENDIGO PROBUS CLUB'S COMBINED TRIPS

Because many of the clubs are having difficulty filling coaches for trips & tours the Bendigo Probus Clubs have held a meeting with the Bendigo Coaches to discuss the problem. This combined group of Bendigo clubs have decided to hold 4 trips during 2013 with trips open to all Probus members in Bendigo Clubs. These jointly planned outings will give more chance for members to participate, plus meet a wider group of friends. Hopefully as a result of this decision there will be less cancellation of trips.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT- Saturday 25th May 2013 1-5pm Tours & 5-7pm Festival of Light at The Great Stupa.

Train/Bus Timetable			
Train Arrival	Bendigo Station (Bus Bay 11)	Eaglehawk IGA	The Great Stupa
10:40am	11:00am	11:20am	11:30am
11:31am	12:30pm	12:50pm	1:00pm
12:19pm			
2:09pm	2:20pm	2:40pm	2:50pm
3:28pm	3:40pm	4:00pm	4:10pm
5:14pm	5:25pm	5:45pm	5:55pm
6:09pm	6:30pm	6:50pm	7:00pm

The Great Stupa	Eaglehawk IGA	Bendigo Station (Bus Bay 11)	Train Departure
11:35am	11:45am	12:05pm	12:32pm
1:00pm	1:15pm	1:35pm	2:24pm
2:55pm	3:05pm	3:25pm	3:44pm
4:50pm	5:00pm	5:20pm	5:35pm
6:00pm	6:10pm	6:30pm	6:40pm
7:30pm	7:40pm	8:00pm	8:46pm

Return fare \$10 per person

For more information and bookings, please contact Bendigo Coachlines on (03) 5446 7018 or Gerakline@bendigocoachlines.com.au

ADVANCE NOTICE:

17/10/2013 -24/10/2013 RURAL RIVERS RUN - MURRUMBIDGEE AND THE MURRAY I am waiting for full details of this tour so let me know if you are interested (this also is a Kingston Tour)

13/10/2013 -18/10/2013 PROBUS RENDEVOUS Albury/Wodonga

Registrations closes Sept 13th Cost \$120pp.

Optional half or full day tours are available.

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT BILL REDMOND OR YOU MAY MISS OUT
BILL REDMOND Tel: 5443 1541 Email: bill@redmond.cc

Guest Speaker for the 15th May
Marie West on the topic of Breast Cancer in Men and Women.
Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:
FRIDAY 31st May for May Probe
Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au

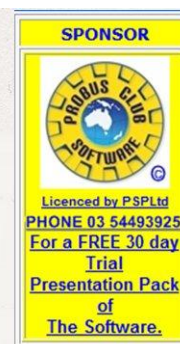
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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
at 10 am at the Masonic Centre McIvor Rd , Bendigo

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