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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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## **IMPORTANT! DON'T MISS THE PROBUS QUIZ INSIDE.**

**OUR SPEAKER TODAY** is ERIC WILKINSON of the Minerals and Energy Department. His subject will be greeted with feelings of nostalgia by many of our members. It is: "The History of Bendigo Mines".

**LAST MONTH WE LEARNED** that planning for the City which we now know as Bendigo commenced in 1854 and continues today under a discipline which calls for a projection 10 to 15 years ahead.

The speaker was NORM CAMERON, Town Planner for the City of Bendigo and he used maps and photographs to illustrate his subject. "Town Planning, Past, Present and Future".

Surveyor Larritt created the first survey plan in 1854 and we all owe a debt of gratitude to him for giving us the splendid Pall Mall, one of the best boulevards in the World as well as the planning which has now created a very "well-planned City".

It was in 1861 when the population reached 25,700 that the City Council was formed and they have accepted the responsibility of town planning since then.

To those of us who view with awe the proliferation of retail stores in Bendigo it probably comes as surprise to learn that we are not over-populated in that area. We were told that the planning of the retail areas has been the subject of a special study projecting our needs to the year 2000.

We have the fourth biggest Retail economy in the State and we are NOT over-shopped! As an example we have 5.5 square metres per household whilst Shepparton has 7.5 square metres.

Norm told us that planning takes place on three tiers - Government, Regional and Local and it is the unalienable right for any citizen who has a grievance to appeal to any of these areas for redress; and according to him such an appeal does get results!

**PROBUS TRIPS & ENTERTAINMENT:**

**TUESDAY: November 22nd. TRIP TO BALLARAT;** Sovereign Hill, Gold Museum, Fuschia Gardens & items of interest. Departure from Strathdale Community Centre at 7.45 am. COST: \$14.00 / person, includes Coach and admissions.

Morning Tea & Luncheon arrangements. Adequate facilities available at Sovereign Hill for "Take Aways", Tea, Coffee, Drinks, etc. Sit down lunches available if required. Currently 64 booked, require at least (20 No.) additional firm bookings to make second coach viable. Please phone Arthur (43 9162). PAYMENTS: need to be finalised today. (I.e. at Meeting).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st. "ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER"** at Bendigo Club. Pre Dinner Drinks 7.00 pm., Dinner 7.30 pm. PAYMENTS: Required at Today's Meeting.

If you have not already placed your name on list, then please do so, and pay today. COST: \$16.00 per person.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 1989: TRIP TO SHEPPARTON.** Visits to Police Driving School, S.P.C. Cannery and other items of interest. A B.B.Q. Lunch will be provided. Estimated cost: \$9.00 per person which includes Coach and Lunch.

Currently 70 have indicated they wish to travel, at least 80 FIRM BOOKINGS are required to ensure a second coach is viable.

PAYMENTS: are required at Today's Meeting. Additional travellers required, please add your name at payment table or phone Arthur (43 9162).

**NOTE:** Due to no Probus meeting in December, no December edition of "Probe", we seek your co-operation with early positive bookings in order to arrange coaches.

Departure from Strathdale Community Centre at 8.00 a.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st., 1989: FILM MORNING & CHINESE LUNCH.**

Location: Film "THE LAST EMPEROR" at R.L. Campbell Theatre. (156 No.). Lunch: "House of Khong". (Can accommodate 60).

Commencing time: 9.45 a.m. COST: Film & Lunch: \$10.50 / person.

Film only \$3.00, Lunch Only \$7.50.

LIST: Will be tabled today, PAYMENTS at January Meeting.

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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. has asked us to obtain the opinion of members on a number of questions relating to the needs of Probus Clubs and the requirements of their members.

The questions are summarised below and your committee invites you to consider them and be prepared to vote on them at the meeting today.

To assist you to make your decisions your committee has included some information and comments relevant to the questions as they apply to our Club.

Question 1. Should the format of Probus Club activities be changed or modified? If so, in what ways?

Question 2. Should the role of the Probus Centre - South Pacific be extended or modified?

COMMENT: The Probus Centre provides services in the production of Probus News, standard Constitution and explanatory pamphlets, directories, etc. In the opinion of your Committee these are well done and we cannot suggest alterations.

Question 3. The Probus Centre recently has been financed by voluntary contributions from 70% of clubs. To make this more equitable: Do you favour a modest per capita donation (say 50¢) from all clubs?

COMMENT: We have been making a payment of \$70 per year. 50¢ per member is very modest.

Question 4. Do you favour the formation of a National Regional (Aust/NZ) or International Association of Probus Clubs with officers elected by clubs?

COMMENT: One of the virtues of Probus is it's simplicity of organisational structure and we see no virtue in changing this. Some local Associations of clubs have been formed to organise inter-club activities but these have no organisational authority.

Question 5. Probus Clubs are generally either Men's or Ladies, but some clubs admit both men and women in what has become mixed clubs. Do you favour official recognition (with provision of a special constitution) or mixed clubs?

COMMENT: In communities as large as Bendigo we do not see any special value in mixed clubs but in places with small populations such as Rochester, it may be necessary to have mixed memberships to establish a viable club.

Question 6. How many members receive Probus News? How many members have never seen a copy of Probus News? How many would like to see it in the future?

COMMENT: Our club receives 25 copies per issue. It is issued four times a year and costs 40¢ per copy. 25 copies may not be sufficient but the committee is very aware of the waste at Bowls Clubs where many copies of 'Bowls in Victoria' are never collected by members.

Question 7. Any specific recommendations?

**A POSSIBLE TRIP:** Commencing May 23rd for 9 days and 8 nights, return home May 31st 1989. (Modern Coach.)  
Travel through Gippsland (Overnight Sale), Merimbula (3 nights). Tours of interest each day in area with a Cruise along river at Pambula. Travel to Canberra (3 nights), visit to Parliament House. On to either Wagga or Griffith for overnight stay.  
**COST:** \$465 / person. Includes: Coach Fare, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, each day, and the Cruise on Lake Pambula with BBQ Lunch.  
(Based on 40 Travelling - TWIN SHARE).  
"Houlden's of Bendigo have offered this package", what are your thoughts: A list will be tabled for expressions of interest.

**THE LADIES' PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO** is off to a flying start with no less than 55 Foundation members lining up at the barrier.

The inaugural meeting was marked by great enthusiasm and a number of ladies who were unable to attend the meeting have expressed a desire to join.

For the record here are the office bearers: President - GRACE BROOKS; Secretary - JUNE PARRY; Treasurer - MARY CLEMSON; Committee - GWEN BLOOMFIELD, KATH LONGMIRE, ALICE DOWNARD, JUNE LONG, ANNE McCRACKEN, and JUSTINE TWEED.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to the members of the latest Probos Club.

**IT IS WITH REGRET** that we record the death of Foundation Member, TED TOWNSEND, and we extend to wife Nancy and family our sincere sympathy. Vale - Ted.

**IT IS NOTED** that in the new Club Directory the name REG BROCK occurs four times - making your Editor the major shareholder. You may be assured, however, that a take-over bid is not imminent!

### **THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN IN DECEMBER!**

Your committee in common with other business practices sacks the Editor in November and re-engages him in January - thus avoiding holiday pay loading and making it impossible to accrue Long Service Leave. A Merry Christmas to all!

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**THE BUTLER** answered a knock at the door. "Whom shall I say is asking for my master, and what is your business?", he asked the visitor. "I've come because of a bill..." "he went away yesterday", interrupted the Butler. "... that I want to settle with him", finished the visitor. "But he's back now", said the Butler.

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