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PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INC.

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

All correspondence to the Secretary, 29 Woodbury St., Bendigo, 3550.

GUEST SPEAKER at the November meeting will be DEREK SYNNOTT.

Mr. Synnott is the Senior Investigating Officer with the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office.

REGRETFULLY I have to advise that our club has lost two more foundation members since the last issue of PROBE with the passing of Frank Adams and Clark Lees.

NEW MEMBERS inducted at our October meeting were JACK WALTERS and GEOFF BILES. Jack and Geoff were introduced and presented with membership badges by JACK WATTS and WARREN WINZAR respectively and welcomed to the club by President Reg.

Those who enjoy a gentle Scottish brogue would have appreciated DR JOHN WEBSTER's address on Higher Education in Australia with particular reference to Bendigo.

Dr Webster depicted the early universities as being undergraduate institutions with facilities of Arts, Law and Medicine. Post-graduate study was rare until the 1950's.

The major impetus for change in the western world came with the successful, and visible launch of Sputnik I. The immediate result of this success was a major review of Education, particularly Higher Education.

In Higher Education there was an expression of the number of universities to cater for students "who could benefit". Almost concurrently the application of The Martin Report saw the establishment of the C.A.E. system from the Teachers' Colleges and the Technical Colleges.

The introduction of "Free" higher education in the Whitlam era saw a further increase in the number of universities in Australia. The establishment of Deakin University occurred in this period but no similar result was available for Bendigo or Ballarat.

The resultant binary system (UNIs and CAEs) continued through the 1980's. The differences between the two systems becoming more blurred as research in CAEs developed.

Commonwealth Minister John Dawkins announced a Unary approach to Higher Education and with state assistance a number of mergers were initiated.

The Bendigo C.A.E. response to all this was to consider a merger with LaTrobe University. Despite a number of problems that have arisen in recent months, and discussion of other options such as a regional university combining Deakin Uni., Bendigo C.A.E., Ballarat C.A.E., and Warrnambool I.A.E., it now appears that the "LaTrobe" plan will eventuate.

One possible benefit of this move could be the re-introduction of a degree course in Civil Engineering at Bendigo.

In the meantime members were advised that the "College" was extending services to Mildura, Swan Hill, Shepparton and Wangaratta. One aim of this expansion was to increase student participation in the Bendigo catchment area from 1% to 3%.

Such an increase would have significant benefit for education and Bendigo.

Dr Webster was introduced by Ken Coles and thanked by Allan Dingle.

#### **TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

##### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD: "TRIP TO DANDENONGS & RIDE PUFFING BILLY"**

Depart at 7.15 a.m. from Strath. Community Centre, Crook Street. Bring along a Picnic Lunch. COST: \$15.00 per person, please check listing and finalise payment today please.

##### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH AT 2.00PM "THE GOOD OLD DAYS MUSICAL"**

Location: Capital Theatre. Cost: \$7.00/person, includes a light afternoon tea.

Our allocation is 50 persons, currently have 50 bookings plus reserves. (Reserves will be placed as vacancies occur when allocations to other Clubs are finalised). PAYMENT: At today's meeting. Inquiries: To Allan Dingle (43 3393).

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH "ANNUAL XMAS DINNER" at Bendigo Club.**

Pre Dinner Drinks at 7.00 pm, Dinner at 7.30 pm.

If you have not already placed your name on the list, then please do so.  
COST: \$18.00 per person, which includes savouries and pre dinner drinks.

PAYMENTS: At today's meeting.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH "XMAS DINNER AT RICH RIVER CLUB"**

Depart Strath Community Centre, Crook Street at 5.15 p.m.

Houlden's have offered the trip to Rich River and a Xmas Dinner of 3 courses which includes: Soup, Main Course of Turkey & Ham, Xmas Cake, Bon Bons etc with time to play the Pokies.

COST: \$6.00 per person: which includes Coach Travel and Xmas Dinner.

List will be tabled today, we can take a full coach of 45 persons or part coach. "Give this one thought, a value for money trip".

**SATURDAY MARCH 31ST TO MONDAY APRIL 9TH, 1990. HONG KONG - SINGAPORE:**

10 Days - 9 Nights. COST: \$1664.00 (twin share), ensures a good location and better quality hotel (as recommended). Refer PRIMA HOLIDAYS 1989/90, page 96 of book (A.62 M).

Price Includes: Accommodation twin share, round trip air travel, Taxes and service charges on hotels, Transportation to and from airports. Late hotel check out. Does not include: meals & sightseeing.

Deposits: \$100/person, final payments Jan 31st.

BOOKINGS: to National Australia Bank Travel, 76 Mitchell Street - (42 1677) Barry Cutmore, Manager. (Also please advise Arthur (43 9162)).

\*\*\*NOTE: As there is no December meeting or issue of Probe until January 1990 would you kindly advise Arthur Eaton at the earliest if you are POSITIVELY INTERESTED in the trip.

The Penguins of Phillip Island are fascinating creatures and intelligent too, one of our party insisted, because each group as it came out of the water took one look at all the Japanese staring at them, decided that they were in the wrong country, and waddled back into the water.

Memories are great (especially the ones you can still remember) and I can well recall the first time I saw the penguins. You walked amongst them and if you did not have a strong torch you saw very little.

Now there are huge concrete grand stands, powerful overhead lights, and, would you believe other thirty-five tourist coaches outside the souvenir shop complex. That's progress?

In order to see this spectacle of course we had to embark on the coach at 8.00 am and proceed via Woodend to Chadstone Shopping Centre for our lunch stop where many a stringent diet became "unstringed", in the food hall.

Our next ports of call were "The Big Worm" near Grantville and "The Dairy Museum" on Phillip Island.

Both worth a visit, particularly the latter, if you are into nostalgia. Many was the time that I heard "We had one of those at home".

After our overnight stay in pleasant accommodation in Cowes it was off to Portsea via the verdant rolling hills of Gippsland through the once sleepy towns of Hastings, Dromana and Rosebud.

At Point Nepean national park the weather turned rather nasty and it was more pleasant in the tunnels of the fort than on the surface. Once again an interesting place if you enjoy history. Park area 2,200 hectares - Fort commenced in 1882. First shot of World War I fired from here. Also first shot fired by Allies in World War II. Closed after World War II.

Now homeward bound, just this side of Sorrento, we passed an historic marker at "Sullivans Bay" the first settlement in Victoria in 1803. An unsuccessful convict settlement which later moved to Sullivans Cove near Hobart. Then for many it was off to sleep for the trip through Melbourne and Kyneton to Bendigo.

Once again Arthur thanks for another well planned and interesting trip. Good food, good fun, and good fellowship. Who could ask for anything more?

By Peter Goodrich.

U3A In case you have forgotten - University of the Third Age - is a term with which you will become more familiar. Discussion and/or queries should be directed to JOCK CROOK.

GOLF: Members interested in a round of golf are reminded that a "Probus Day" has been organised for Tuesday 5th December. The venue is the Neangar Park Course. You are requested to arrive by 12 Noon for a 12.30 start. See JACK WATTS for more details.

BILLIARDS: The final day for a friendly game in 1989 will be Monday 20th November. Venue - Eaglehawk Billiard Club Rooms, at 2.00 p.m.

As there will be NO BULLETIN in DECEMBER I would like to thank those contributors who have lightened my load and to wish all members the COMPLIMENTS of the (rapidly approaching) SEASON.

