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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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President Colin
&
Wife May
Wish All Probus
Family & Friends



A Healthy & Joyous
Christmas
& A Prosperous
New Year

At the November Meeting we will hear a talk on Guide Dogs by Bruce Heider.

The Speaker at our October Meeting needed no introduction, since it was our own member, Arthur Cowling. None the less Bill Jacka gave a brief summary of Arthur's distinguished achievements with Y's Men. Arthur then spoke on "**Hats I have worn**".

Arthur has visited 27 countries in the last 10 years in connection with Y's Men, and has accumulated an assortment of 60 hats, caps and headgear generally, some of which he brought with him to the meeting.

Of course there is a most important component in the work of Y's Men, a truly international organisation. Of all the members, wheresoever scattered of the Earth's broad surface 22% speak English as a first language, and Arthur seems to have met most of them, and of the remainder, because on July 1, 1991 he became the World President.

Arthur's observations about some of the countries he has visited are interesting. Nigeria in particular is very militant, Arthur's attempt to take a photo from a taxi trapped in a traffic jam brought about confiscation of the film. In Kenya, Arthur went on safari and collected a safari hat.

India has seen Arthur on 5 visits, first as a tourist, but on subsequent trips as a Y's Men's representative, he really saw the country and the people. India has the largest middle class of any country in the world, there are 100 million affluent middle class people. In contrast one of the railway stations in a main city has a population of 20,000 every night.

Official visits to overseas countries are very hectic "holidays" with a full schedule of meetings, formal motorcades, official banquets, and public functions. The functions include such activities as laying foundation stones, officially opening kindergartens, and eye clinics, press conferences, judging art competitions, initiating agriculture projects.

Sri Lanka, in contrast to India, is much better organised, more punctual, cleaner.

One of the strongest impressions emerging from Arthur's talk was the high level of Y's Men's involvement in projects for social well being of disadvantaged people.

Gordon Glover thanked Arthur, revealing some sensational details of his private life and making the usual presentation.

TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH: Trip to Melbourne - Sensor Vision Theatre Maximum 48. Current 66. At Southgate and Boat Trip up Yarra River. Depart at 7.45 a.m. and arrive home 6.00 p.m.

The AustraliaGate SensorVision Theatre is Australia's first multi sensory theatre, situated in the popular SouthGate Arts & Leisure precinct on the south banks of the Yarra. "Experience Australia" is a journey over 50,000 years of our continent, it is an entertaining and spectacular experience for all Australians.

At "Southgate Complex" there is much to see and explore. It offers a wide range of foods at affordable prices, or, if you prefer take a Picnic Lunch and sit on promenade overlooking the Yarra. After lunch we take a **"River Cruise"** up the Yarra, view the scenic river gardens, pass our famous sporting venues and one of the world's great botanic gardens.

The cost is \$22.50 per person which includes Coach, theatre and cruise. Payments to be finalised at November 17th Meeting please. (Probus Club has to pay in full prior to trip).

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17TH: Annual Christmas Trip to Rich River. Christmas dinner included. Maximum to travel 49. Depart at 5.45 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person which includes coach fare and Christmas dinner.

Southern Cross Tours, formerly Houldens, have again offered this much sought after, popular, low cost final trip for 1993. Depart from the Strath Community Centre, Crook Street at 5.45 p.m. and arrive home at approx. 12.30 a.m. Payments at Wednesday November 17th Meeting please. Current bookings: full coach 49. Emergencies: 26. ****Only able to take a maximum of 49 persons on this trip**.**

TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 1994 (7 days/6 nights) Based on Wagga (5 nights) and Canberra (1 night). Timed to co-incide with the Canberra Floriade Festival.

The cost is \$420 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation D.B.B., morning and afternoon teas and entry fees.

Sunday: To Wagga **Monday:** Tours Wagga area **Tuesday:** to Canberra (o/night Canberra) **Wednesday:** tours Canberra & ret to Wagga **Thursday:** tour to either Temora or Cowra area **Friday:** tour to Narrandera/Leeton **Saturday:** depart Wagga for home. "A beauty - watch for listing"

*****Listing will be tabled at November 17th Meeting*****

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 1994: Trip to Geelong - Stage Coach Theatre Restaurant - Lunch Time Show.

The cost is \$24.00 per person includes coach fare, lunch and show. This Theatre Restaurant has celebrated 25 fabulous seasons. Entertainment provided by professional actors and singers, said to be a "great show". Depart at 8.15 a.m. Arrive home approx 6.00 p.m.

Listing at the November 17th Meeting. Payments at January Meeting.

THURSDAY/FRIDAY MARCH 10TH/11TH 1994 - Trip to Deniliquin - Boonoke - 2 Days and 1 night.

The cost is \$69.00 per person which includes coach fare, accommodation - twin share, all meals, entrance fees, local guide to act as host. (Itinerary can be varied to suit specific interests). Proposed to include **Day 1 (Thursday):** To Deniliquin - Peppin Heritage Centre, History of Sheep Industry, Video, Exhibitions, sheep dog display, school of old - classroom re-enactment. Other Deniliquin items of interest. Evening meal at one of the Clubs. (Only pokie commitment.)

Day 2 (Friday): Deniliquin to Boonoke (F.S. Falkiner - News Ltd Sheep Stud) co-incides with the big "Annual Riverina Merino Field Day", exhibition of Stud Rams, view Boonoke Homestead Gardens. Partake of a bush salad lunch. On way home, tour of Millewa State Forest. Arrive home 5.30 p.m. Friday.

Listing at November 17th Meeting - payment at January Meeting.

Arthur Eaton
Trips Liaison

CHANGE OF VENUE

The Annual Christmas Party Dinner will be held at Bendigo Bowling Club, Barnard Street, Bendigo.

The date is Thursday, December 16th as stated in Probe no. 94, time 6.30 p.m. for pre-dinner drinks 7.00 p.m. for dinner.

Cost \$25.00 per head. Payment at the November meeting please.

SOVEREIGN HILL - BALLARAT

It takes more than a Ballarat rain shower (which lasted all afternoon) to dampen the spirits and enthusiasm at Bendigo Probians intent on enjoying an outing.

On arrival at Sovereign Hill our first experience was a conducted tour of "Voyage to Discovery" which depicts the trials and tribulations of those who came to Australia to "try their luck" on the gold fields. Commencing with the breaking of the news of gold finds in English newspapers, it shows the rigors of the voyage to Australia, in shockingly cramped conditions on board inadequate ships, the struggle to reach the digging, the harsh life on the gold fields and the rare discovery of lasting payable gold. This display clearly depicts an interesting and important part of our country's early history. The number of school bus loads of school children indicates the high regard in which this, and the other display at Sovereign Hill, is held, in the eyes of our educators.

After a tasty lunch at the Coffee Shop our members went their various ways. Some went underground still hoping to strike it rich I suspect, while others inspected the gold museum to see replicas of the sorts of nuggets which had been the cause of all that frantic activity some 140 years ago. Some of our members were even seen riding on the stage coach. No doubt their journey was made all the more realistic by the driving rain and muddy roads.

Once again we have enjoyed an interesting and informative trip due to Arthur's thorough organization, John's safe driving, and everyone's cheerful determination not to let a mere shower of rain spoil our pleasure.

Peter Goodrich

BOWLS

The next game will be against South Bendigo, at South Bendigo on November 18th, 1993. The teams are:

A. Wilson, R. Downey, A. Court, H. Hesse(s);
J. Rose, L. Roy, A. Eaton, V. Canobie(s);
J. Kelly, R. Holmes, J. Vingerhoets, W. Winzar(s);
J. Laidler, A. Scott, P. Goodrich, R. Marslen(s).

On Tuesday, December 7th a game against Bendigo, teams are:

W. Bell, A. Dingle, E. Waterworth, E. Hogan(s);
L. Nankivell, M. Phillips, E. Driscoll, W. Winzar(s);
G. Glover, D. Opie, J. Mc Coy, F. O'Connell(s);
N. Barningham, O. Watson, J. Wilson, A. Court(s).

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE - E.J.W. (BILL) FOSTER

I was born in London in 1919 and attended the Stationers' Company's School where I nearly matriculated. On leaving school I obtained employment as a Junior Clerk with an Insurance Company. In May 1939 I joined the Territorial Army and was incorporated into regular service on 1st September when General Immobilization was declared. Our artillery regiment chased and was chased from Algeria to Beirut, Greece, Crete and the invasion of Sicily in 1943. After a few months in England I transferred to Combined Operations and landed in Australia. After a year in India I took my discharge here in April 1946.

I resumed work in the Insurance Industry until 1972 when I purchased the Golden Age Hotel in Tarnagulla. Never get starry-eyed about owning a country pub. It involves much hard work and abuse from one's patrons. Towards the end of 1973 I moved to a General Store in Goornong, and retired from hard labour in October 1979.

I would love to spend the rest of my days in the English country-side but the possibility is very remote.

