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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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**GUEST SPEAKER** The Speaker at today's meeting is Mr Ken Haymes, who we expected earlier in the year. His subject "on making a will" should prove interesting.

At the meeting last month we had as Guest Speaker Dr Lyn Gow, telling us about "The Caring Community".

Bob Holmes introduced the speaker to us, giving some biographical details, amongst others that Dr Gow began her career as a Primary School teacher and in moving onward and upward (?) has over 200 published articles and treatises. In furthering her knowledge of the subject she has travelled and studied trends overseas in U.S.A., the U.K., Scandinavia, France, Hong Kong, and many places between.

Dr Gow's main concern is with the problems arising from de-institutionalisation of disadvantaged persons. Governments all over the world are carrying out this type of programme and in most cases there is a lack of preparation in the community. In Dr Gow's view everyone in the community has a role in the integration process, with the professionals acting as mediators, citizens playing a responsible role and multi disciplinary co-operation.

After the talk Dr Gow had a striking response from the audience, in the number of questions and observations which were presented by the listeners.

The appreciation of the gathering was expressed by Colin McLean, together with the presentation.

A number of copies of Dr Gow's presentation will be available to members today. A donation of \$1 per copy to cover printing expenses would be appreciated.

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#### **TRIPS INFORMATION**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 1994 - ANNUAL XMAS TRIP TO RICH RIVER**  
(Maximum to travel 49) - Xmas Dinner included. Depart at 5.45 p.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Arrive home approx. 12.30 a.m. The cost of \$10.00 per person includes coach fare and xmas dinner. "Southern Cross Tours" have again offered this much sought after, popular, low cost, final trip for 1994. Bookings : Maximum 49 - Coach full. Emergencies 6.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD, 1995 - TRIP TO SHEPPARTON AREA**  
Maximum to travel 49. The cost is \$22 per person (Take own picnic lunch). Depart 8.00 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, arrive home at 6.15 p.m.

The trip includes visits to Shepparton Equestrian Centre to be entertained by "Spanish Andalusian Dancing Horses". From the Centre we proceed to Shepparton International Village and whilst here have our lunch. Then on to Campbell's Soups and S.P.C. door sales for some good buys. Finally, we visit the recently opened "Fruit Connection" near Mooroopna, with its displays of local crafts, people and other attractions, and be served afternoon tea. The cost includes coach fare, entrance fees and afternoon tea.

Listing - at November 16th meeting. Payments January 18th meeting.

\*\*I wish to acknowledge the continued support received from our Probian Travellers throughout the past year, which ensures the continuance of our trips program. Also on your behalf, "a big thank you" to our Secretary Bob Chenery, Probe Editor Alec Crothers, Chief Badger - Ray Downey and those, who meeting after meeting, collect the trips monies. We share, care and enjoy together the great fellowship of "Probus".

Arthur,  
Probus Trips Liaison Officer.

## SECRET EAT OUT OUTING

Arriving at Fortuna via Golden Square from Strathdale Hall may not be the most appropriate route, unless you are trying to confuse the troops, who have just embarked on a "Mystery Tour". Our intrepid leader Cliff Binks indeed did confuse us for a while. However there was no confusion once we had arrived at Fortuna as Max, our army guide, was quite coherent in his explanation of the various areas of note in this fine example of opulent living in the late 19th century. I will not go into details here as this is very much a case of "seeing is believing" and if you missed out on this tour and you are interested in historic buildings make the effort to take a conducted tour on "open days", or obtain the very comprehensive and well illustrated "Lansell's Fortuna" booklet which is published by the Army Survey Regiment.

Our next venue was very different and explained the true meaning of the saying "why don't you drop in for lunch". That is just what we did. We dropped 200ft down the shaft of the Central Deborah Mine to Gillies' Crib Room where we partook of a three course meal, the mainstay of which was a traditional Cornish Pastie, and it was delicious. The meal was catered for by Gillies who provide this service for functions with a difference. How different can you get than eating a meal 200ft underground in a room made by blasting out 1,200 tons of 500 million years old rock, and large enough to seat 100 people. This was both a unique and enjoyable experience.

After returning to ground level we boarded our coach for the next leg of our journey which turned out to be to one of our very old industries, the Bendigo Pottery. This firm has been a great ambassador for Bendigo for many years with pieces of their pottery being sold world wide. After an inspection of the procedures for processing the clay, moulding, then firing in very modern ovens, to inspecting the finished products, we proceeded to the dining room for a very hearty afternoon tea, with a musical accompaniment.

Still the journey was not complete as we wended our way around back roads to the Mayfair Industrial Estate to briefly visit one of our newest industries Catercare Bendigo. This industry, is being established by Bendigo Uniting Church Outreach to create worthwhile jobs for long term unemployed people. They are at present processing vegetables and fruit for restaurants and industry and are hoping to expand until they employ about 25 people. I'm sure that all Probians will join me in wishing

this venture every success.

As we finally headed back to our starting point a unanimous vote that we have a similar outing next year indicated that Cliff had done a masterly job of organising the day. Maurice Pease, who had thanked our guides and helpers at the various venues, officially thanked Cliff for organizing such a successful day.

Peter Goodrich.

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**MY LIFE SO FAR:- BY RUPERT REYNOLDS**

It was whilst experimenting with the cat by dropping it upside down from various heights to study how it righted itself that I became aware of the acceleration due to gravity, and I think my father's box on my car taught me a lot about the conservation of momentum. Anyway, I was always interested in technical things, even as a five year old living on a farm at Mansfield in 1932.

Catching the horse for the five mile ride to school was a terrible battle of wits on a frosty morning, and I was rapt to get a bike for my seventh birthday. Luckily, in Grade 6 the new headmaster promoted me to grade 8 so that the class would be large enough to coach for the Junior Scholarship. No-one had ever before tried to encourage Mansfield kids to go to secondary school, and I guess that his son being in the class had a lot to do with it. Boarding school was not a very happy experience for me...I nearly got expelled the day I picked all the locks on a bank of lockers and moved them all along one. I could never understand that lack of co-operation among the boys...and I guess it taught me a lot about human relations.

In those days Matriculation entry was ex form 5 however a well meaning uncle got me a job as a trainee industrial chemist at the Metropolitan Gas Co., and instead of going full time to university to become an electrical engineer, as I had wanted I went to Melbourne Tech. at night or when shift work would allow, to study chemistry. Altogether I spent 15 years at night school, and it was only many years later that I realised what a great life a full time university student led.

Melbourne Tech. was different then...I remember listening to Kelly, Edward respond to roll call for nearly a whole year until one night someone from the office came to try to find and talk to him about unpaid fees..the Maths for Chemists lecturer used to arrive drunk at 6.05 p.m. for the 5.30 class...deros occasionally wandered into the maths department asking whether it was still White's Pub...

Three years at Mobil refinery at Altona as a project engineer, six years in Brisbane as Chief Engineer of a valve manufacturing company, Australian Sales Manager of a multinational instrument manufacturer...until in 1972 I asked a teacher what the job was like and his reply "it's better than work!" convinced me that T.A.F.E. teaching was worth a try. I almost didn't make it; during a medical a fellow I'd never seen before asked me how I got on with the children I was teaching. Thinking he was having a go (I was teaching adults), I said I got on with most people except possibly psychologists because they were usually half way round the bend (You've guessed it!)

Twelve years later, and off to W.A.,...but you've heard about that. Back to Vic., one day's training and I was selling Real Estate (Couldn't believe how fast the money rolled in!). 18 months later I gave that away to live in Bendigo and discover the wonders of Probus.

Just as the behind-scenes happenings of Probus are more amazing than the casual observer would credit, so it is with me, I have an incredibly talented wife, we run a superb Bed and Breakfast, I have three unbelievably gifted children and a fantastically intelligent dog...but that's another story.

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There will be no Meeting of the Probus Club in December.  
Instead we have :

The Annual Probus Club  
Christmas Dinner

Date: December 14 (second Wednesday)  
Place: The Bendigo Bowls Club, Barnard Street.  
Cost: \$25 per head.  
Time: 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

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May the Peace and Joy  
of Christmas

be with you today and through the New Year

