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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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The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Ian Reid, Manager, Professional Training Services, Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE.

For our October meeting, the guest speaker was Mr. Derek Guille who spoke on "The ABC Past and Present", and was introduced by Cliff Binks.

Derek commenced his talk with an explanation as to why we have a fairy on the top of our Christmas tree followed by an explanation of the role of the ABC in the Australian scene.

Just who is Derek Guille?

Derek was born at Elsternwick, lived in Charlton, Bendigo and Dandenong and then spent 12 months in USA on an AFS scholarship. In Minneapolis he lived with a black American family, the first white AFS student to do so. He returned to Australia, married in 1974 and then proceeded to England, with his wife, in 1976 with \$300 in the bank and the same amount on his Bankcard. He became a cleaner at Broadcast House and worked his way up to become the Manager of a regional broadcast station and one of the fallback presenters at 3LO. To get to England they flew to Bali then made their way through Java, Sumatra, Malaysia, Singapore, through the Golden Triangle and on to India. They then caught a bus in Delhi, which broke down in Istanbul and left them stranded with very little money. The Australian High Commission in Istanbul came to their rescue and gave them some funds to enable them to survive. Hitchhiking brought them to the German border and then on to England. After the birth of their own little "Possie" in 1979 they returned to Australia to be closer to the babysitters (Grandparents). This concluded a potted history of Derek Guille.

To get back to the ABC, Bendigo was, for a long time, low down on the priority for a regional transmitter as it received a fortuitous signal from existing stations. In 1984 a program of rebuilding and increasing the national coverage commenced and developed to the stage now where there are approximately 48 stations around the country. All stations operate their own morning programs where they acquaint listeners with items of interest from their own areas. Derek then described the way that the day is broken up at these stations and the regional commonality that exists in the programming. He also explained why 3WV was placed at Horsham.

To conclude, Derek told of the financial constraints being imposed upon the ABC and asked that, if we had any questions or concerns relating to this, we should communicate them to our local member.

Derek's presentation was both informative and humorous and ended with a song that had a direct reference to some Castlemaine ladies.

After questions Derek was thanked by Ken Coles and was presented with a Probus mug.



VALE

It is with regret that we note the passing of our esteemed member, Val Moyle, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Miriam, and family.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to Vic Canobic on the death of his wife, Gladys.



BOWLS NOTES

Bowls teams for Thursday, December 4th, 1997 at Bendigo Bowling Club.

C. Weeks	W. Foster	A. Stephens	G. Rayson (s)
B. Bell	W. Spicer	E. Hogan	W. Winzar (s)
R. Hollow	E. Driscoll	A. Court	R. Marslen (s)
D. Martin	A. Wilson	W. Clemens	H. Hesse (s)

Res: D. Opie
L. Roy
A. Morris
J. Laidler (9.30 am for 10.00 am start)

As there is no meeting in December and, therefore, no Probe, the bowls teams for January are also presented here.

Bowls teams for Thursday, January 15th, 1997 at Bendigo East.

J. Watts	D. Opie	R. Holmes	A. Clough (s)
C. Jeffrey	J. Griffen	A. Eaton	A. Stevens (s)
G. Glover	J. Laidler	W. Clemens	F. O'Connell(s)
K. Proud	R. Chenery	L. Roy	A. Morris (s)

Res: A. Court
W. Foster
E. Driscoll
R. Fitzgerald (9.30 am for 10.00 am start)



The address for Jake and Erica Vingerhoets is 1 Irkara Drive, Bendigo and not as previously stated.

Apologies to Jake and Erica.

Other address corrections are: Ern and Audrey Waterworth, 13 James Street, Strathdale, (not 1/3), and Rupert and Pat Reynolds, 180 Mandurang Road, RSD Strathfieldsaye, 3551.

Any other address that is not correct - would you please notify the editor.



A REMINDER

Wednesday, 26th November, Probus Friendship Day at Maryborough.
BYO everything, including transport.

It is noted that Reg Brock is in hospital after surgery, and we wish him well.



BENDIGO PROBUS TRIP OF THE YEAR TO MARY-LYN HOLIDAY RESORT AT MARYSVILLE.

It was on a glorious Spring day that our President Bill, and tour organiser Arthur welcomed us all, and assured everyone that our trip would be full of surprises. *How true, and how very pleasant those surprises proved to be.*

Our coach captain was Norman, a senior driver for Fallons Coach Line who own 35 coaches in Alexandra, with coaches carrying from 10 to 80 passengers, and who have the Mary-Lyn contract for transporting people everywhere.

We travelled east through Heathcote to Seymour. Between Seymour and Marysville is magnificent fertile land, on which many head of impoverished Gippsland cattle were enjoying our lush pastures. We all enjoyed seeing Yea at its best and enjoyed Norman's authentic commentary as we passed through Molesworth, Taggerty and Buxton, passing the base of the Cathedral Range of mountains and on to glorious Marysville.

Mary-Lyn Holiday Resort has accommodation for 210 people in two buildings, one of 100 is especially used for conventions, while Mary-Lyn (our building) was most comfortably furnished for people 50 and over. After a hot lunch we were shown the sporting complex comprising a large heated swimming pool, with a separate spa for up to 8 people. Also under cover were 6 full size bowling rinks, 2 indoor rinks for carpet bowls, table tennis, darts, quoits, and 2 billiard tables. Many of us tried them all, with active, serious and most enjoyable competition. Several of the Over Bloomin' Eighties had, and thoroughly enjoyed the hot flush of re-invigorated youth. The table tennis competition was so keenly contested that, in the finals, some senior players were seen popping in heart tablets under the tongue for heart relief. The games were all played, and completed, in front of an entertained gallery of interested people. It was great fun enjoyed

by all. Some of our party joined in an exhibition of line dancing. We all enjoyed every evening, then slept for 9 hours in comfortable beds, then, with our batteries fully charged, were ready for another enjoyable and educational day in our 5 star coach with Norman.

Two lady bowlers really impressed with their excellent play. With many touchers and taking shot Marg. Michel and May McLean should now both be attending the Institute of Sport in Canberra as a prelude to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

One evening we were taken to see the magnificent floodlit Steavensons Falls with the water dropping 370 ft.

We all enjoyed our day in to the Cumberland Valley and Upper Yarra dam. A day for seeing the tall, dense mountain forests of Blue Gum and Mountain Ash, the crystal clear, fast flowing rivers and ferns in abundance. We placed all this in our memories to remember forever.

On Sunday morning we were taken to our choice of 3 churches, or a market, then home to another scrumptious hot roast lunch. In the afternoon we were out again to see the Alpacas at Buxton. The Alpacas were bred by the Inca civilization some 6000 years ago in Chili, South America. This family of 4 have 25 Alpacas with the average price of \$15,000 each. Their investment is \$375,000 in livestock alone. The youngest adult daughter sleeps in a caravan every night to be close to them and tend their needs. Their fleece is so very fine and soft, and really luxurious with excellent insulation. They are shorn each year and come in colours of white to deep fawn and black. The breed is both quiet and domesticated. The other daughter's interest is growing strawberries and blueberries from which are made delicious wines that were available for sampling and purchase.

On Monday we went to Healesville, now almost an outer suburb of Melbourne with people who commute daily. All so interesting to see it thriving. It was the largest of the 3 centres, and all, including Warburton, are magnificent. Perhaps the Alpine village of Marysville, nestled in a large valley almost devoid of wind the year round with lovely scenery, beautiful rhododendrons all in flower with many higher than the homes, the village roundabout edged in colourful blooms and azaleas and the very friendly people would be the pick.

Mary-Lyn Comforts – We all enjoyed the choice and variety of really delicious food. Several rose for a swim or spa in the heated pool, a stroll around the grounds and then back to the dining room for a cooked breakfast. The lunches were either a picnic lunch on tour or back home for a hot 3 course meal. We all met for sherries or orange juice before a scrumptious 3 course dinner. Guest artists around the grand piano in the concert lounge entertained us with music, song and jokes. Beetle, or other games were organized by the management while challengers came from all quarters for more active games. Supper, with port, was included in the very moderate tariff. Four large television sets were provided, one in each of four rooms for channels 2, 7, 9 and 10, each set giving perfect reception. A video room was also provided and doubled for the bingo room. In comfortable chairs in the main lounge we could view the mountain magic through the large windows or from the balcony outside.

Our tour to the Taggerty Herb Farm on day 5 was a beauty. All within 7 years Alan Cherry and Wendy Watt built a home, planted, and now are harvesting all of their medicinal herbs. They then treated, mixed and bottled a fine mixture of attractive and

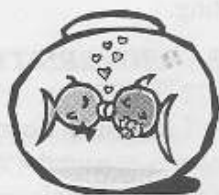
effective remedies. Their display of these health giving products was most attractive with many sales being transacted daily. Many travelling visitors joined the 70 from Mary-Lyn and about 100 people were entertained by the two owners who are professional entertainers in their own right. They sang in delightful harmony many favourites including "Country Road". It was all such a touch of class.

A thrill on tour was meeting a large truck and loaded timber jinker on the narrow, steep, winding roads. The coach was on the dangerous outside of the road but neither vehicle stopped. Those who had not met this situation before held their collective breaths as the vehicles passed within centimetres of each other. Norman, our driver, just smiled. Then we cheered and clapped his clever driving skills. We passed several more trucks with less anxiety as we trusted Norman implicitly.

About three jovial gentlemen in the persons of Bob Hollow, Wal Spicer and Alf Ryall. At meal times they were having so much fun at their table that many people were on the waiting list to occupy the last two seats. Thelma and Alan Dingle won out and enjoyed all of the hilarity. The waitresses said it was a pleasure to tend their table and thanked Pres. Bill and Arthur with a T.L.K. for bringing such a happy group of people from Bendigo.

In our coach coming home, we all cheered our Pres. Bill, because, in his fine sincere way, he thanked Arthur, our trips organiser, for yet another superb "Trip of The Year". The five day trip to Marysville, situated in a lovely valley near Mt. Kitchener on the Great Dividing Range, was surely a glorious trip.

Clark Jeffrey



Congratulations are extended to John and Winifred Wilson who attained their 60th wedding anniversary and also to Alan and Betty Stephens who have reached their 49th wedding anniversary.



Arthur also had a birthday on November 3rd. Happy birthday Arthur.



President Bill and his wife Bess, wish all Probians, Families and Friends, a healthy and joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and request all to join in the celebrations and share in the Christmas spirit with your fellow Probians at the Christmas luncheon.

TRIPS INFORMATION



TRIP TO R.A.A.F. MUSEUM POINT COOK WERRIBEE WILD LIFE SAFARI PARK – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, 1997 – Maximum 53, Current 61. Depart 7.30 a.m. Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Home approx. 5.45 pm.



Visit R.A.A.F. Museum at Point Cook to see an amazing variety of R.A.A.F. memorabilia, excellent variety of R.A.A.F. “serviceable vintage aircraft”, also many of the modern aircraft housed at the Museum and Aircraft under restoration. Next we visit Werribee Open Range Zoo and experience the excitement of a Wildlife Safari amongst African animals from the comfort and security of a “Safari mini coach”. COST: \$23/person. Includes coach fare and entrance fees. BYO picnic morning tea and lunch.



BENDIGO PROBUS “ANNUAL XMAS LUNCHEON AT BENDIGO BOWLS CLUB” WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 1997 – 12 MID-DAY

COST: \$22/person. Includes luncheon, entertainment, and Special Prizes. *Numbers are not limited. Current 74. Additional bookings: please phone Arthur Eaton (5443 9162) no later than Tuesday 18th November.

PAYMENTS: Essential, be made at Wednesday 19th November meeting.



FILM SHOWING AT THE LATROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE, TUESDAY JANUARY 27TH, 1998.

Commence: 5.00 pm. **Park cars in Car Park off Edwards Road. Numbers unlimited. COST: \$3/person. **More names required. “A Spectacular Film Showing” by Rob and Cynthia Watkins. “A relaxed and interesting outing is assured.

SHOW: Air conditioned comfort in an excellent Lecture Theatre.

**5.00pm to 6.00pm - A Walk in South Africa

**6.00pm to 7.00pm - Partake of own Picnic Tea/fraternise

**7.00pm to 8.00pm - Comparisons Our own Bendigo Wild Life

**8.00pm to 8.30pm - Tea and biscuits and fraternise

**BYO Picnic tea, coffee, milk, sugar, paper cups provided.

PAYMENTS: at November 19th meeting please.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 1998: TRIP TO MELBOURNE. Max 49, Current 80. CONDUCTED TOURS JEWISH MUSEUM AND SYNAGOGUE. VISIT MELBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS. Depart 7.30am. This outing very popular with Probus Clubs. Morning tea on arrival at Jewish Museum. BYO picnic lunch for gardens. Listing at Oct 15th & Nov 19th meeting. PAYMENT: January 21st. COST: \$19/person. Includes coach, morning tea and entrance fees.

**To assist collectors, please tender correct money. If payment by cheque, please ensure details written on back of cheque.