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

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NOTE: For today only our meeting will commence at 9.45 am.

The guest speaker for today's meeting is Dr. John Ferguson of the Bendigo Health Care Group. His subject is Radio Therapy.

At the last Committee meeting it was revealed that there was some controversy over the attendance charge to partners and visitors. It was decided that this charge would be \$1.00.



At our last meeting the guest speaker was Robyn Vella from Wedderburn who spoke on Loddon Discovery Tours. She was introduced by Alan Court.

Robyn was born, and grew up, in Wedderburn, but moved away for some time due to work commitments. She has now returned to the area and works at the Wedderburn Motel.

When the local eucalyptus works closed she saw the opportunity to run the small factory in conjunction with tours of the area. Her initial tour comprised the eucy works, a 2000 doll exhibition, the pistachio nut plantation, a pottery, the historic Church of England, the Chandelier Man at Korong Vale and a light lunch at the Wedderburn Motel.

Following the amalgamation of the local Shires Robyn approached the Loddon Shire Council for support in running tours that would cover all areas of interest in the Shire. The council agreed to help and, from this, the Loddon Discovery Tours were created. Robyn is tour operator and tour guide and brings the personal touch into her operation.

Robyn's one day tours cover specific towns, Wedderburn, Tarnagulla, Inglewood, Boort or Pyramid Hill while another day tour will include segments from several towns. All tours are group tours, are flexible and can be adapted to suit the requirements of any group or organisation.

Robyn can be contacted on (03) 5494 3517.

Geoff Biles thanked Robyn and presented her with the customary Probus gift.

VALE

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of our esteemed member, Len McCracken, who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Phyllis.

SICK LIST

There are a number of our members who are not in the best of health and we hope that they are on the improve. It is good to see that Clark is back on his feet again after a recent sojourn in hospital.

WARNING

Trick Phone Line

For those who did not read this in Issue No. 66 of the Probus News the following is reprinted for your information.

Recent Club bulletins and newsletters have stated that Victorian members have received calls from an individual introducing himself as an AT and T technician conducting tests on telephone lines. He requested that one needs to press 9 0 # (nine zero hash) keys to complete the test. **DO NOT DO THIS!** The telephone company has informed members that this key sequence gives the requesting individual access to your telephone line and allows them to make calls at your expense. Please spread this message.

ACTIVITIES

BOWLS REPORT

On Thursday, October 26th, we had our first game of the season. This was against Eaglehawk Bowling Club. After a titanic struggle Eaglehawk sneaked home 68 to 64.

Our best rink of the day was skippered by Mel Boyd with Jack Laidler, Col Turner and Arthur (Trips) Eaton.

It was pleasing to see many players wearing the new Probus Shirt and comments from the opposition were favourable.

Our next game is against South Bendigo on Tuesday, 23 rd November.

Teams for South Bendigo 23-11-99

J. Rose	O. Watson	L. Roy	W. Clemens (s)
R. Holmes	W. Spicer	A. Court	M. Boyd (s)
G. Glover	R. Chenery	E. Waterworth	K. Gloster (s)
R. Downey	F. Scrivener	A. Morris	J. Canobic (s)

NOTE

Club Tshirts are still available and are not specifically for bowlers. There is no reason why other members and their partners should not wear these. In fact, it would be very nice to see all members proudly sporting their identity, particularly on organised Probus trips.



REPORT

TRIP TO GEELONG - THURSDAY OCTOBER 28TH, 1999.

On Thursday October 28th a group of 45 Probians and friends travelled on the trip to Geelong. On this occasion we travelled via Daylesford on both outward and return journeys, our Coach Captain Tony Rice, as usual, was most helpful and capable.

Our first visit being to the National Wool Museum. The morning tea venue was a disappointment, the service slow. However, after a late start, our party broke into two groups, each with a guide to conduct them over the National Wool Museum. It is an exciting modern Museum, where the story of wool in Australia is told from the sheep's back to finished fabric and from early settlement to the present day. It showcases in authentic surroundings, a unique aspect of Australia's heritage.

At the lunch break our party split up going to different venues. The nearby Pancake Kitchen, Food Hall at the Shopping Complex at which there was a great variety of outlets to choose from, and of course some to Smorgys, some had their own Picnic Lunch on the Waterfront. All returned to the coach very satisfied.

Our second visit was to the nearby, almost new highly acclaimed Ford Discovery Centre, where we again formed into two groups each with their own guide for a tour of the Centre. The centre provided a unique behind the scenes opportunity to experience how cars are designed, engineered and built. There was an impressive selection of forty cars on display, from the world changing 1913 T Model, the first XK Falcon, Bathurst winning Falcons and G.T's,

to the latest models hot off the production line. Also included were an Aurora Solar Car, a Clay Model of the 1999 AU Falcon, operating cutaways and a production robot.

Unfortunately Bill Cowling had a fall and sustained a cut above right eye, which necessitated a trip to Hospital where stitches were inserted in the cut. We hope that Bill has now fully recovered from the injury.

Weather, as usual was fine, it was a pleasant and interesting outing. Arthur (Tour Organiser)

It should be noted that Arthur, as well as organising these outings for us, had to write up this trip for Probe as he could not get a volunteer for this small task. It must be borne in mind that all positions in Probus are voluntary and the surest way of losing those who carry out these important tasks is to load them to a point where they say -- enough is enough!! No position in Probus is particularly difficult nor does it require a high degree of aptitude, just application and the desire to do something for others. A few more willing helpers would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Our annual Christmas Dinner is on again this year and is to be held in the Burnett Lounge of the University. It is to be hoped that there will be a sudden influx of names of those interested.

The menu is as follows:

Soup (choice of 2)

Cream of Chicken
Tomato and Bacon

Main (choice of 2)

Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce.
Roast Pork and Apple Sauce.

Sweets (Choice of 3)

Plum Pudding and Custard
Brandy Snap Basket with Fresh Fruit
Spiced Apple Strudel
B.Y.O. dinner drinks and small Esky

See Arthur's travel notes for further information.



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TRIPS INFORMATION NOVEMBER

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25th, 1999: TRIP TO MELBOURNE. Maximum: (49)

IMAX THEATRE, IMMIGRATION MUSEUM. Current: (43) ** Vacancies (6)

**I seek your support to fill, friends of Probians welcome.(Arthur 5443 9162)

Depart: Bendigo: 8.00 am. Arrive Home: Approx: 5.45 pm

IMAX THEATRE: State of Art technology, world's biggest screen, six stories high, spectacular viewing, excellent films. 2D & 3D.

IMMIGRATION MUSEUM: Melbourne's latest. Immigration in Victoria from early 1800's to present day. Dynamic array of exhibitions. Trace your early family history !!

LUNCH: Buy or bring your own. COST: \$27.00 /person, includes: Coach Fare & Entries.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS: At Nov.17th meeting

TRIP OF THE YEAR - NEW ZEALAND - WED MARCH 29,-TUE APRIL 11, 2000

EVERGREEN TOURS "14 DAY CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND"- NTH & SOUTH ISLANDS

MAXIMUM: (50) ***Immediate vacancy: 1 Gent to Share with (1) Gent. Excellent Group

Price: (30 - 37) \$2390.00.

PASSPORTS: Required. For information & "renewals," phone 13 1232

"New" Bdgo P.O. 5443 0755 Cost: \$126.00 each, valid for 10 years.

AFTA/CGU GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE: Single: \$66.60, Couple: \$127.80

PAYMENT: By Cheque made out to "Evergreen Tours," please give to Arthur at Nov 17th meeting (for those taking out Group Insurance)

C.G.U. Insurance Co withdrew "Special Exemption for pre existing Medical Condition. Forms for "Pre-Existing Condition now req'd"

** At No additional Cost: EverGreen Tours will "pay any extra."

** Any queries on Group Travel Insurance: Phone Arthur 5443 9162.

** BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DUE: January 29th, 2000, details will be forwarded to each traveller at a later date.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER - BURNETT LOUNGE -

LATROBE UNIVERSITY. WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15th. 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm START.

Pre Dinner Drinks: In Lounge (supplied by Club) White Wine & or Orange Juice. All other: B.Y.O. either for pre-Dinner or during Dinner. MEAL: Three Course. Self serve Tea/Coffee. Tables seat 10.

Parking Osborne St. entrance. COST: \$22.00/head. PAYMENTS: Nov. 17th. meeting.

Widows of members & friends of Probus welcome, same conditions.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22nd. 2000 - TRIP TO WILLIAMSTOWN & BOAT CRUISE

Depart Bendigo 7.45 am. Home 5.45 pm (Approx Times) Max: (49)

Coach Tour of Williamstown Area with Local Guide & Boat Cruise Williamstown up Yarra to Melb Exhibition Ctre. LUNCH: Own Picnic. Lunch at waterfront park or buy own, great variety of food outlets

** Should suit all, will be a relaxed & most interesting trip.

POSITIVE RESPONSE REQUIRED: As deposit required for boat cruise.

COST: \$25.00/Person. Includes: M/Tea Cuppa, Coach, Tour & Cruise.

LISTING: Nov.17th Meeting. PAYMENTS: January 19th Meeting.

*** Please tender correct money when paying for Trips. If payment is by cheque, then please endorse detail on back of Cheque.

*** Trips enquiries to Arthur (5443 9162)

THE ANSWER TO U2'S PROBLEM (see last month's Probe)

If we call the musicians A, B, C and D we know that A takes 1 minute to cross, B takes 2 minutes, C takes 5 minutes and D takes 10 minutes. They are on stage in 17 minutes.

A and B go first with the flashlight, elapsed time is 2 minutes. A brings the flashlight back. Elapsed time is now 3 minutes. D takes C and the flashlight over, the elapsed time is now 13 minutes. The flashlight is now handed to B who goes back over the bridge and elapsed time is now 15 minutes. B collects A and they complete the exercise by crossing the bridge to join the others. The elapsed time is now 17 minutes.

QED (for those who remember their geometry theorems)

(and we always thought it meant Quite Enough Done)



Did this man solve the problem?